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Road work spurs more complaints

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Sometimes complaints can come from places pretty close to home.

Especially complaints about the current road shut-downs in north Novi.

"Obviously, we've heard from people, even people in our own family car, regarding how much is closed at the same time," Novi City Council Member Kathy Mutch said.

After an on-site meeting, Tuesday, City Manager Ed Kriewall said the Michigan Department of Transportation has agreed to reopen Thirteen Mile Road from Haggerty Road to Meadowbrook Road. In addition, Meadowbrook Road is now open to all but truck traffic.

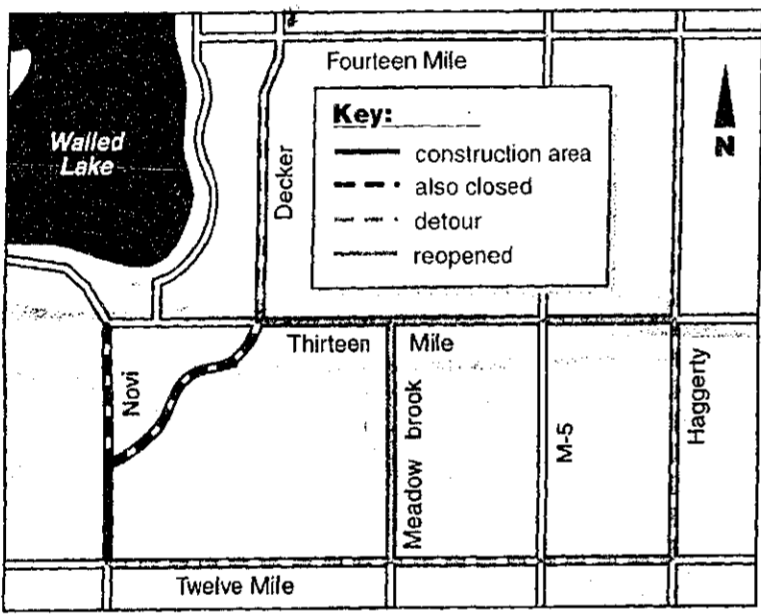
Road crew workers drove heavy equipment over graves in the Oakland Hills cemetery, disturbing turf and the families of those buried there. The story appears on page 10A.

"MDOT's running two weeks behind schedule. I don't know if this is going to provide a terrific amount of relief," Kriewall said.

"I went up there at 5:30 p.m., I was able to go from Twelve Mile to Thirteen Mile in three minutes. We think the initial first day shock is starting to send people to alternative routes."

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Detour on Novi and Thirteen Mile Roads



Map by JUANITA LITTLE

Judge sides with city in Bosco zoning suit

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

It's a sad tale, according to attorney Tom Ryan.

His client, Paul Bosco, has let the Novi Youth Baseball League use acres of his property for baseball fields free of charge for more than 30 years.

However, now that he wants his property rezoned to allow what he thinks is the proper zoning, he isn't being treated fairly.

"I never could see where the city was being harmed," said Ryan this week, a month after a circuit court judge ruled in favor of the city.

"He said it was a close case but he was going to go with the city."

Ryan said, "It should have been a clear cut case."

After his 1994 request to the city to rezone 120 acres of property from large lot homes, a residential acreage (RA) zoning designation, to single family residential (R-1), was rejected. Bosco took the city to court. That zoning change would have allowed him to nearly double the number of homes that could be built on the site, from approximately 40 to 80.

According to City Attorney David Fried, Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Robert Anderson ruled Aug. 1 in favor of the city. Ryan thinks it should have been a "clear cut case" in Bosco's

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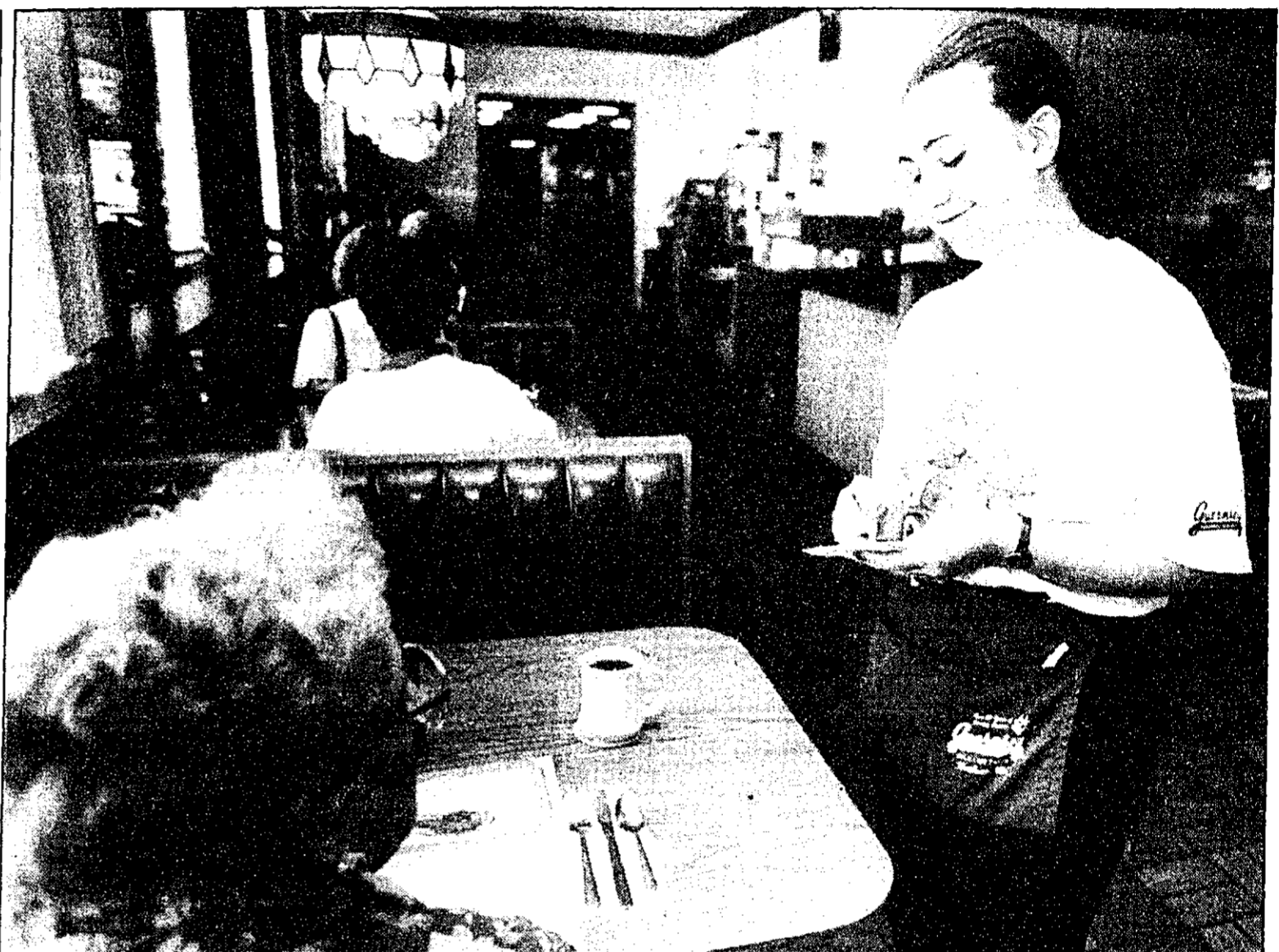


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Edyta Olow works a double shift at Guernseys. She worked over 60 hours last week but said she enjoys it that way.

It's hard to find good help

Local businesses experiencing a shortage of workers

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

The placards hang either perilously loose from store signs or stuck pressed up against glass store fronts.

The traditional black and orange lettering at one store could easily clash with the more creative notices that dot the storefront landscape of Novi and Northville.

They call out to local passerby "Help Wanted" and "Now Hiring."

But they get few answers. Despite what the political candidates may say about the inadequacy of employment opportunities, there are more than enough jobs out there for people who want them, according to local businesses.

The problem is there aren't enough people to go around.

"There's a flood of jobs out there," said Paul

"Unemployment is a joke. Anybody who is unemployed chooses not to work."

Paul Bauman, Reid Lighting

Bauman, of Reid Lighting in Novi. "Unemployment is a joke. Anybody who is unemployed chooses not to work."

The critical shortage of employees in the area is forcing management to take over day-to-day activities of cashiering, serving and sweeping floors. The 80-hour work-weeks is common among employees and managers who are working extra hours to pick up the slack.

"It's desperate, but it's not that desperate," said Dennis Horwatt, of PRMI, the public rela-

tions firm for Guernsey Dairy Farms in Novi. Guernsey is facing a critical shortage of employees but managers are determined to keep customers happy.

"People are still being served. Only now they're being served by the management. We don't want people to worry," Horwatt explained.

Guernsey employs 25 people in its dairy department and approximately 100 employees who work in the restaurant and dipping cones. Currently, the restaurant is understaffed about 15 people.

With Michigan's low unemployment rate, about five percent, Horwatt said the shortage is inevitable. There will always be people who are simply unemployable.

"There's nobody left," he said. "New stores opening up draw employees from the city."

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Second opinion due on staffing

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

A second opinion on Novi's police staffing came forward Monday.

In April, a City Council-appointed Police and Fire Needs Committee recommended that Novi aim for a police personnel level of 1.6 employees per each 1,000 residents. At the time, city council members expressed concern that the group might have overstated their case.

But surpassing the local report

were the findings from consulting firm Coopers & Lybrand, which suggested a ratio of 2.1 law enforcement employees per 1,000 residents.

The consultants' conclusion in a report released Monday was that the City of Novi is now five police officers short but has two too many other employees. Earlier, the citizens suggested the department is one officer understaffed.

"We are fairly close in terms of our immediate staffing needs,

which coincides to a certain extent with the findings of the police and fire committee. We realistically cannot add officers any faster than we are today. Our staffing is probably going to meet our general needs for the foreseeable future," City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

To fund any new officers, the city will likely use new money collected from the state, triggered by the addition of new citizens here. These extra state shared revenues would help cover the costs of

police and fire protection for both the residents and the non-residents who flock to town to work, shop at the mall, dine out and go to the Novi Expo Center.

Kriewall said the city will earmark for police staffing an additional \$700,000 annually in state shared revenues it expects to scoop in based on mid-decade census count.

While the citizens committee in April recommended a November ballot question asking voters to

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What if they built a downtown with nowhere to shop

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Imagine a downtown with a grand entrance, lined with sidewalks and street signs, planters and benches, where you can walk and drive, salute a flag pole and go just about nowhere.

Welcome to Main Street, Novi within the very, very near future. The \$1.7 million designer streetscape, including the brickwork, is expected to be completed in October, but the buildings are still in the planning process.

For the folks involved, it's all kind of exciting.

"This is pretty much the first time in the state they've built a downtown from scratch," said John Beckett, of Beckett & Raeder Inc. of Ann Arbor, the designers of the streetscape.

"You can walk on half of the sidewalks, sit on the benches. The street will be open to drivers."

For motorists, that could be "soon," according to Novi's Director of Public Works Anthony Nowicki.

While the \$1.9 million ring road can be

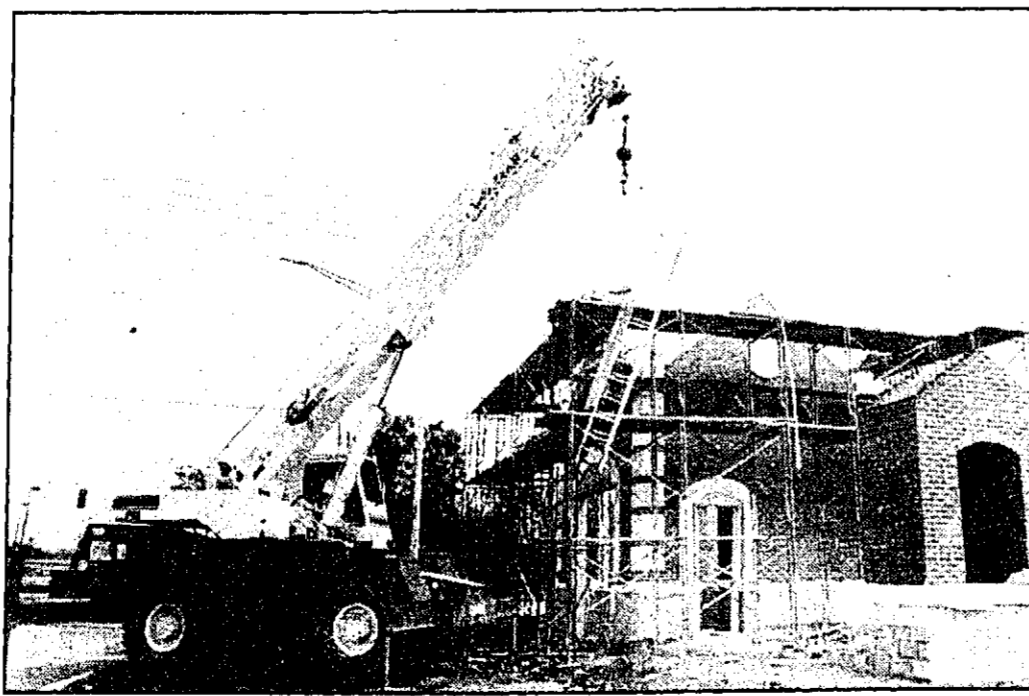


Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Up goes the Main Street clock near Vic's World Class Market.

used as a bypass around the corner of Novi Road and Grand River, the destinations remain unclear.

But a site plan for a 70,000-square-foot building near Vic's is expected to arrive at the

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

Thursday, September 12

Parks meeting

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

Saturday, September 14

Bird Hike

Maybury State Park hosts its monthly bird hike at 8 a.m. Many species of northern birds have begun heading south for the winter. The hike will be around the Fishing Pond area, hoping to spot some of these migrants. Meet at the riding stable parking area on Beck Road a quarter mile south of Eight Mile Road in Northville Township. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry. For more information, call the park office at 349-8390.

Charter House Bazaar

Charter House of Novi is having its annual bazaar, blood drive and bake sale from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Donations of white elephant items and baked goods are needed. Make an appointment to donate blood. Call Pat Gatzke at 477-2000, ext. 230.

Honey Harvest

Maybury State Farm holds its annual Honey Harvest from 1-4 p.m. Demonstrations of honey extraction will be ongoing. Displays and information on beekeeping will be available. All activities will be at the Maybury Farm Demonstration Building. Maybury Farm is located within Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in Northville Township. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. For more information call 349-8390.

Sunday, September 15

Honey Harvest

Maybury State Farm holds its annual Honey Harvest from 1-4 p.m. Demonstrations of honey extraction will be ongoing. Displays and information on beekeeping will be available. All activities will be at the Maybury Farm Demonstration Building. Maybury Farm is located within Maybury State Park on Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road in

Northville Township. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry to the park. For more information, call 349-8390.

Monday, September 16

Cholesterol Screening

Total cholesterol screening by fingerstick method, will be offered 1-4 p.m., at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave. Cost is \$5 fee. For more information call 477-6100.

Arts Council

The Novi Arts Council Executive Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

TOPS

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

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

Tuesday, September 17

Garden Club

The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Novi Newcomers and Neighbors

Novi Newcomers and Neighbors annual Fall Kick Off Event will be held at Vic's Country Restaurant in the Alcove. Cash bar at 6 p.m., meeting at 6:45 p.m. and dinner and Neil Diamond Concert by Michael James at 7:15 p.m. For additional information call 449-2798.

CAC Meeting

The Cable Access Commission meets at 7 p.m. at Novi High School.

Band rehearsal

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

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Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tom Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Business Network International

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

Thursday, September 19

Novi schools

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

Optimist Club

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

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Clothes Closet helps the needy dress their family

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

You know how it is. The kids are growing like weeds, the way kids do.

The shirts and shorts, jeans and shoes that fit perfectly just a few months ago are now getting shorter and smaller by the minute. Time's coming to toss out the old and bring in the new.

But what if you can't part with the old duds because you don't have extra money even for a take-out pizza, let alone some Levis or a new pair of Nikes for little Bobby or Stacey?

Unfortunately, this scenario plays itself out all too often, even around here. Many folks facing tough times just can't spare the cash to buy new clothes for themselves or their children. Instead they are left to mend the tears in an old dress and make that ill-fitting coat go another winter.

Or they pay a visit to the Community Clothes Closet, where people like Carol Ann Donnelly are ready to help.

"There's definitely a real need out there and we do our best to meet it," Donnelly, director of Christian services at Novi's Church of the Holy Family, said. "The Clothes Closet has been around for almost a quarter century, its volunteers collecting and distributing clothing to neighbors in need."

"We have clients from everywhere - Novi, Northville, South Lyon, even Pontiac," Donnelly explained. "About 800 people are on our mailing list and besides that we get new referrals weekly."

They all visit the Closet, located inside Holy Family, to choose from a large stock of clothing for children and adults. It's all completely free and the entire enterprise is kept humming by a group of dedicated volunteers and people who take the time to give clothes and other items to the program.

Don't be misled by the name though. Located inside Holy Family, the Closet is anything but a

tiny room stuffed with cardboard boxes. Instead, the volunteers have worked hard to give the place a sleek, professional store-like feel.

People who come to the Closet get there by various means. Some come directly from Holy Family parish, while others are referred by other churches, local civic programs, social workers, public health nurses and programs for battered wives and teenage mothers.

"Anyone who needs help is welcome," Donnelly said. "If you're interested in paying a visit to the Closet, call Donnelly at 349-8553. You must make an appointment and the Clothes Closet is open every Monday from 9 a.m. to noon and 6:30-8:30 p.m. It's also open from 9 a.m. to noon on the first two Thursdays and last two Saturdays of every month."

Holy Family Church is located off Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile and Grand River.

You don't just have to be in need to be involved. Donnelly and the Closet volunteers are looking for people who will donate clothing and other items, particularly stuff for kids. It doesn't have to be much.

"There's a great need for a lot of things right now and every little bit helps," Donnelly explained.

Topping the wish list are clothes, underwear and sleepwear for infants, toddlers and young children.

The Clothes Closet also needs disposable diapers, car seats, cribs, baby swings, high chairs,



Carol Ann Donnelly sorts donated items at the Clothes Closet in the Holy Family Church.

play pens, crib sheets, receiving

blankets, bassinets, blankets and quilts. Pillows, pillow cases, bed sheets, towels, old jewelry, shoes, purses,

mittens, gloves, hats and coats and adult clothing of all kinds are also needed.

If you have a bed, kitchen table, furniture, appliances or even an old car you don't need, the Closet can find people who do, Donnelly added.

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Teen collides with car on Grand River

A 14-year-old boy who thought he could make it across Grand River Avenue was hit by an oncoming car which tried to stop but didn't have enough time, Aug. 30.

The boy was taken to Botsford Hospital by EMS and was OK except for scrapes and a slight concussion, said police.

The driver of the car, a 42-year-old Farmington Hills resident, said he saw the boy riding along Grand River and looking the other way when suddenly the boy rode out in front of him. He slammed on the brakes but hit the boy's bike.

Several witnesses confirmed his version of events.

The boy told police he was in a hurry to get home because he was ten minutes late and thought he could get away with the street.

GUNS TAKEN
Two guns used for fishing are missing from a 1967 boat under restoration. The West Road man told police the workers noticed the cabin door open Aug. 16. A fence around the property is now tough to easily gain access, he told police. Police said officers have tried to contact the man for more information on the guns but have been unsuccessful in reaching him since the initial report.

JUST DRINKING AND SITTING
Novi police cited two men for open intoxicants and public consumption, Aug. 31, after watching the men exit the Novi Party Store with beer and progress to open and drink it while getting in their

Police News

pick-up truck in the parking lot, police said.

JUST PRACTICING
Novi police found a 47-year-old Detroit man on the side of 1.96 dressed in camouflage and practicing "street luge." Sept. 3. Officers said a street luge is a metal toboggan designed for paved surfaces, made famous by ESPN's *Extreme Games*.

The man was told the freeway was for motor vehicles only.

CRAZY CALLER
A Novi Meadows Mobile Home Park resident called police Sept. 2 after receiving a series of telephone calls that night where the caller yells for help, laughs, hangs up and then calls back 15 minutes later, police said.

STOLEN
Police are looking for a 1989 black Dodge pickup truck after it was stolen from the Springs Apartment complex parking lot the night of Aug. 27.

PICTURE UNHAPPY
An Olde Dutch Mobile Home Park mother called police the morning of Aug. 29 after a white man in a white newer model car drove by the yard where her son and a neighbor girl were playing and took their picture. She was

unable to get a license plate number.

The suspect is described as a white male with short light hair and a clean face with a tan driving a large white car, according to the report.

FIGHT
Novi police broke up a fight between two teenage girls Aug. 29 in the Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park. Police received a tip of a group of 15 juveniles gathered in a circle around the girls who were arguing over an incident that started at Walled Lake Middle School.

Police called a truce and took the girls home to their mothers.

BROTHERLY LOVE
The older brother of a 13-year-old Novi girl dating a 17-year-old Belleville teen is accused of beating the boyfriend up outside their Novi Meadows Mobile Home Park, Aug. 31, according to police.

The brother said he saw the boyfriend looking in the girl's window at midnight and confronted him because his sister had told him he was pressuring her into sex and would not leave her alone.

The Belleville teen said he was getting out of his car when the brother grabbed him by the throat and threw him to the ground and kicked him telling him not to come

around anymore.

NOT HUNTING SEASON
Three hunters dressed in camouflage and a child in camouflage were found hunting in the field south of West Road and east of the railroad tracks.

Police said the men were carrying shotguns, two bow-goose and two dead geese and the child had a toy rifle.

All the adults were cited for hunting and carrying dangerous weapons.

JUST DRINKING AND DRIVING
Novi police cited a 24-year-old man for open intoxicants in a motor vehicle after finding an open can of beer under the seat during a traffic stop.

Police had followed the man, Aug. 30, under suspicion of drunk driving and watched him make an illegal right hand turn and speed down Taft Road.

Novi police stopped the Toyota Camry and noted a six pack of beer on the floor with one bottle missing. When questioned the man replied he drank "one beer five minutes ago." Police completed sobriety checks, which determined the man was sober, and found one bottle of opened beer on the floor beneath the seat.

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

Novi Briefs

Water tattle-tales

Since the emergency water ban in Novi took effect Sept. 3, more than a dozen warnings have been issued by police to homeowners to turn off their sprinklers. Neighbors as well as police on patrol have spotted homeowners on Crestview, Niles, Foxmoor, Serenity, Parismouth, Glen Ridge and Rockhill with either automatic sprinkler systems going or off its system. All the homeowners and hotel management said they were unaware of the ban. The water ban prevents homeowners and businesses from outside use of water for approximately five weeks due to major repair work on the city's water main on Novi Road. Homeowners and developers can appeal to the city to be exempted.

Full of sheets

The Lander Company, leasing agents for Novi Town Center, and the Town Center Steering Committee, The linen firm aims to take over the old F&M site and two other vacant places there to offer its wares for the home. "It's a substantial store," Novi City Council Member Richard Clark, a member of the committee, said.

Moving on

Mark Christensen, a member of Novi's Economic Development Corporation, resigned from the post recently because he is moving outside city boundaries. That Novi volunteers leave town, thank you plaque from the city to hand, is inevitable. Planning Commissioner Jacques Hodges resigned recently due to a job transfer. But Christensen's on the go because he's just been appointed Finance Director and Assessor for the City of Plymouth, which has a residency requirement.

Bridge death a suicide

The Sept. 3 death of 62-year-old Bich Ngoc Hoang is being ruled a suicide according to Michigan State Police.

Hoang's body was found under the north anchor pier of the Mackinac Bridge, which stands 100 feet above the water level, according to Detective Sergeant Robin Sexton.

"At this point it is believed to be ruled a suicide," said Sexton. Sexton said Hoang left his Novi residence that morning. His car was first spotted at 6:50 p.m., abandoned on the pier. Bridge employees discovered the body of under the bridge. Novi Police were called to notify the man's daughter, whom he lived with in Novi.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Sept. 8. Each accident is listed by date, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, SEPT. 2
Stand by, Country Place, 12:51 p.m., Response 510.
Medical, 40724 Village Oaks, 4:52 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 23405 Illegality, 10:18 p.m., Squad 3.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 3
Medical, 42400 W. Nine Mile, 8:10 a.m., Squad 3.
Grass fire, Nine Mile and Napier Road, 8:40 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 44863 North Hills, 9:12 a.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Pontiac Trail and West Road, 12:18 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 27148 Barra, 1:59 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41107 Jo Drive, 2:22 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27198 Novi Road, 3:05 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 5:11 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4
Medical, K mart in West Oaks, 2:33 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 26300 Delval, 8:28 p.m., Squad 1.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5
Medical, 24566 Border Hill, 6:38 a.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 42145 Ten Mile Road, 8:25 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Medical, 25549 Taft Road, 11:33 a.m., Squad 4.
Fire alarm, 41695 Sudbury, 1:45 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Service, Novi Road and Crescent, 3:16 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire report, 145 North Haven, 3:42 p.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Meadowbrook, 6:34 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 42355 N. Fountain Park, 10 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 24705 Nardere, 11:22 p.m., Squad 4.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6
Fire alarm, 43800 Gen. Mar., 2:49 p.m., Engines 1 and 4.
Injury accident, 196 and Novi Road, 3:01 p.m., Squad 1.
Car fire, Novi and West Oaks Drive, 3:06 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Grady's in the Town Center, 11:41 p.m., Squad 1.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7
Injury accident, Nine Mile and Beck Road, 6:48 a.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 43355 Chiffside Court, 11:43 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 21981 Heatherbrae Way, 11:45 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Injury accident, 27500 Novi Road, 10:25 p.m., Engine 4.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8
Medical, Novi High School, 8:48 a.m., Squad 3.
Wires down, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 11:22 a.m., Engine 1.
Grass fire, Nine Mile and Beck Road, 11:34 a.m., Engine 4.
Medical stand by, Novi Meadows School, 11:42 a.m., Squad 4.
Service, Carriage Hill and Meadowbrook, 2:44 p.m., Engine 3.
Service, Roma Ridge, 3:13 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 21300 Novi Road, 4:15 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 25448 Anthony, 4:25 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 40700 Ten Mile, 5:35 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Medical, 22643 Strawberry, 6:26 p.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 30249 Celeste, 7:29 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6
Road, 2:29 p.m., Squad 1.
Detail, River Ridge and Novi, 3:04 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 30221 Celeste, 3:23 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 27000 Sheraton, 3:43 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 27550 Novi Road, 4:28 p.m., Squad 1.
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Retired teachers get top pay among district's substitutes

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Substitute teachers who taught classes on at least 50 days for the Novi Community School District during the last two years will get the highest amount of substitute teacher pay, according to a new policy approved by the school board last week.

The provision was added to honor retired Novi teachers who can come back to the district to substitute for 90 days without penalty to their retirement.

Without the change, these teachers would receive \$65 a day, the new amount for new substitutes.

Trustee Julia Abrams made the suggestion, calling the teachers "a good resource."

"I'd hate to see a teacher go to another district for \$5 or \$10 more," she explained. "We should capture that talent if we can."

Nearly a dozen teachers retired from the district last year but according to Personnel Director Robert Schram, only about two have expressed an interest in substituting.

Trustee George Kortlandt called the increase in pay unnecessary and was the only member to vote

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Julia Abrams
Novi Schools Trustee

against the addition. The teachers are rewarded with a "generous" retirement package, he said. There is no need for extra credit.

School board members battled about various versions of the provision that would make clear their intentions to pay the higher rate to retired Novi teachers only.

"If we were to say a retired teacher requires full compensation then that about another district's retired teachers?" asked President Raymond Tyers.

The provision was part of a larger policy change regarding substitute teaching in the hopes of combating a substitute teacher shortage in the district and around the metro area.

This year, there were 1,500 applications turned into the Novi Community School District for 40 full-time teaching positions, according to Schram. Nearly 900

of those applicants were sent letters to see if they would be interested in substitute teaching. As of this month, the district has about 75 substitutes on the list.

The new pay scale will pay teachers \$65 for a whole day, or \$35 for a half day of work. If the teacher spends more than nine consecutive days filling in for one teacher then the continuing days pay rate moves up to \$75 a day. The pay rate stayed at \$60 for the past three years. Substitute policy changes will also include reimbursement for fingerprinting costs if teachers work at least 50 days that year, a standardized substitute teacher folder with helpful information, a more formal evaluation program, and better use of permanent subs in each building. These teachers would be hired to work consistently throughout the year to fill in for full-time teachers.

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Options eyed for Orchard Hills construction road

By JAN JEFFRES and WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Whose woods these are, the developer knows.

But what's going to happen to the pristine 44 acres near Orchard Hills and Meadowbrook Lake subdivision is anybody's guess, as the site plan for a new subdivision was posted to give the city, the Novi school district, developers Berg, or Lewiston Associates and the residents time to reach a possible compromise.

Novi's Community Development Director Jim Wahl has already held separate discussions with several of the parties, including the school district. The next step is to get them all together. That is expected to happen prior to Nov. 1.

"We've had a number of meetings and the process will be continued," Wahl said.

Richard Lewiston aims to build Orchard Hills West, a 43-home extension to Orchard Hills subdivision, on 15 acres near Meadowbrook Road. But to get to that landlocked property, there are three options: use the old, deteriorating roads in the existing Orchard Hills sub, cut through 44 acres of woodlands and wetlands he also owns or work out a deal with Novi schools to put a temporary road through Orchard Hills Elementary School land.

Many Orchard Hills residents don't want their roads used, saying that the construction traffic

Residents speak out on development plan

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

Days before the Orchard Hills West development site plan came before the Novi City Council, Mayor Kathleen McAllen's phone was ringing off the hook.

On the other end of the line were residents from both the existing Orchard Hills sub and Meadowbrook Lake, concerned about possible plans about the way the new subdivision will impact their neighborhoods.

Under discussion over the past few weeks has been a temporary or permanent construction road through 44 acres of woodlands and wetlands that once qualified for a state Department of Natural Resources preservation grant.

Among the suggestions was that the city buy the land and turn it into a park.

Twenty-five letters flowed into the city, from people like Phillip and Sandra Polay, who live on Chattman Drive, which backs up the sensitive lands. The couple "strongly objects" to either the temporary or permanent road.

"Once an area like this is subjected to man's intrusiveness, it will never again return to its current natural state," the Polays wrote. "A road will drive out the existing wildlife, the deer and the fox... We are not environmentalists but we value nature and realize that the balance of the area will be destroyed and it will be impossible to rebuild."

But another alternative, that the construction traffic pass through the public roads of Orchard Hills subdivision has been vigorously protested by residents there. And they've won the support of the Novi City Council.

Others say if the haul road is built, it should be temporary.

Proponents of a construction access road through the wetlands and woods to the 14 acres of Orchard Hills West point out that it will keep construction traffic off the narrow roads of the existing Orchard Hills sub.

Chattman Drive resident Tony Marrozi suggested the city buy the woods from Richard Lewiston who owns both the 44 sensitive acres and another 14 acres, which will be used for the new subdivision.

"Since the soil is not suitable for building and much of it is in a flood plain, it has little commercial value. However, the city needs an east area park and should plan for green areas in its development," he wrote.

the developer to ask if there was an update and was told there wasn't.

"The district is still willing to cooperate and still willing to negotiate some sort of arrangement," said Koster.

Council Member Kathy Mutch suggested that the district had an obligation to help solve the problem.

"I feel the school district needs to take responsibility for a situation they helped create when they chose to locate a school building in a subdivision in such a way that accessibility is only from one entrance," Council Member Kathy Mutch said.

But Lewiston said he isn't so sure he can work out a deal to cut a road through the school's playground. He said the district in an initial discussion asked him to replace the playground equipment and tennis courts, restore the site when through with the road, provide a security guard when using the road and, in addition, pay the district a sum of money equal to the cost of building the road elsewhere.

"I can't be in the guard business. I can't ensure a school district I will be responsible for children crossing a road for three years. It's not realistic," Lewiston said. "If I have to depend upon that road, there's no end of the requests that could be asked here. That's not fair."

along the streets without sidewalks poses a threat to their children, especially when coming to and from school.

Gerry Hyde, vice president of the Orchard Hills Homeowners Association, asked the council to OK a temporary road in the middle of the woodlands area.

"That way, neither Orchard Hills residents will suffer from the noise, dust and mud that construction will certainly make," Hyde wrote to the city. "All of those streets would be used by construction traffic and all of those streets are used by children on their way to the elementary school. No sidewalks mean they must use the streets."

Other homeowners, especially those along Chattman Drive in Meadowbrook Lake sub, don't want to see the 44 acres disturbed. Earlier, Novi won, then lost, a state grant to purchase and preserve the 44 acres along the Rouge River.

Both a temporary haul road and permanent street through the

woods have been considered. The majority of the citizens seemed to favor the temporary road.

An initial report from the state Department of Natural Resources notes that if the developer builds the road, the lost wetlands will have to be mitigated elsewhere.

Lewiston has said that he had no luck negotiating with the school district for an alternative route.

At the Sept. 5 school board meeting, Assistant Superintendent for Business James Koster related the developer's allegations.

"I can assure you that is not true," said Koster.

In 1995, Koster said he went to city hall to meet with developers who presented the idea to build a temporary road across Orchard Hills property in exchange for a permanent road for the school off of Ten Mile Road.

The board died and the building of the permanent road but did not decline a temporary road. Koster said, although there were questions about safety issues for the kids. In April, Koster said he called

Resident favors Spanish channel

Time Warner's still working out the new cable TV channel line-up for viewers in Novi.

And the fact that the firm doesn't appear likely to add a Spanish-language channel to the service, has some area residents and Spanish teachers frustrated.

Novi resident Luis Mejia has marshaled others - including Spanish language teachers and students - in asking Time Warner officials to reconsider.

Mejia has brought up the matter during public comment recently at Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, which oversees the franchise agreement between the city and Time Warner.

"After several meetings and phone calls to the firm, Mejia has come to one conclusion.

"They don't want to do it," he said.

The new channel line-up has not been finalized, though it's likely to include ESPN2, History and Bravo channels, Court TV, The Learning Channel and Home and Garden Channel have already been added to the line-up for some area subscribers.

Things are not looking good for Spanish on cable, even though the cable system is undergoing a fiber optic upgrade to expand capacity 70 to 80. Results are still being tabulated from a customer survey as to what new channels they'd like to see, a Time Warner spokesman said.

Time Warner Cable, which serves Farmington and Farmington Hills as well as Novi, does not have Univision or any other Spanish-speaking stations in its current channel line-up.

Exposure to native speakers and the Spanish culture is important

for students learning the language, several teachers said. Especially, since there are few Spanish-speaking people in the area.

"As a Spanish teacher, I think it would benefit the students so much," said Charmaine Ragusa, who teaches at Harrison High in Farmington Hills.

"I was just in Florida last week and I sat there almost the whole time with a VCR control button, changing channels and taping commercials and other things that I thought that could help the kids. It's something so meaningful besides a textbook."

Univision or a like Spanish-speaking station didn't finish in the top 10 in a similar survey done in Livonia, said Tom Bjorklund, Time Warner's regional vice president.

"Like we've told the cable commission, Univision has not been one of those services we're asked for a lot," Bjorklund said.

Ragusa and other Spanish teachers in the Farmington district have asked for Univision to be added.

Appointing for those who want the Spanish-speaking cable station here is that people in nearby areas - such as Brighton and Westland - already have it.

"All the language teachers feel the same way," Farmington High's Dolores Curiel said. "It's there and we can't have it."

Said Bjorklund: "Our goal is to please as many of our customers as we can.

"For every channel we decide to put on, hopefully we're going to be satisfied a lot of customers.

"There's a few customers who are going to be upset because they want to see something else."



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The Novi High School Band Boosters' annual car drive was not a wash, despite the rainy weather that kept volunteers damp most of the day. The drive kicked off Saturday morning at the

Farmer Jack store on Ten Mile and Meadowbrook roads. There may be another drive yet this year. Above, Jacinthe Charlier sorts cans Saturday. Her daughter is a member of the band.

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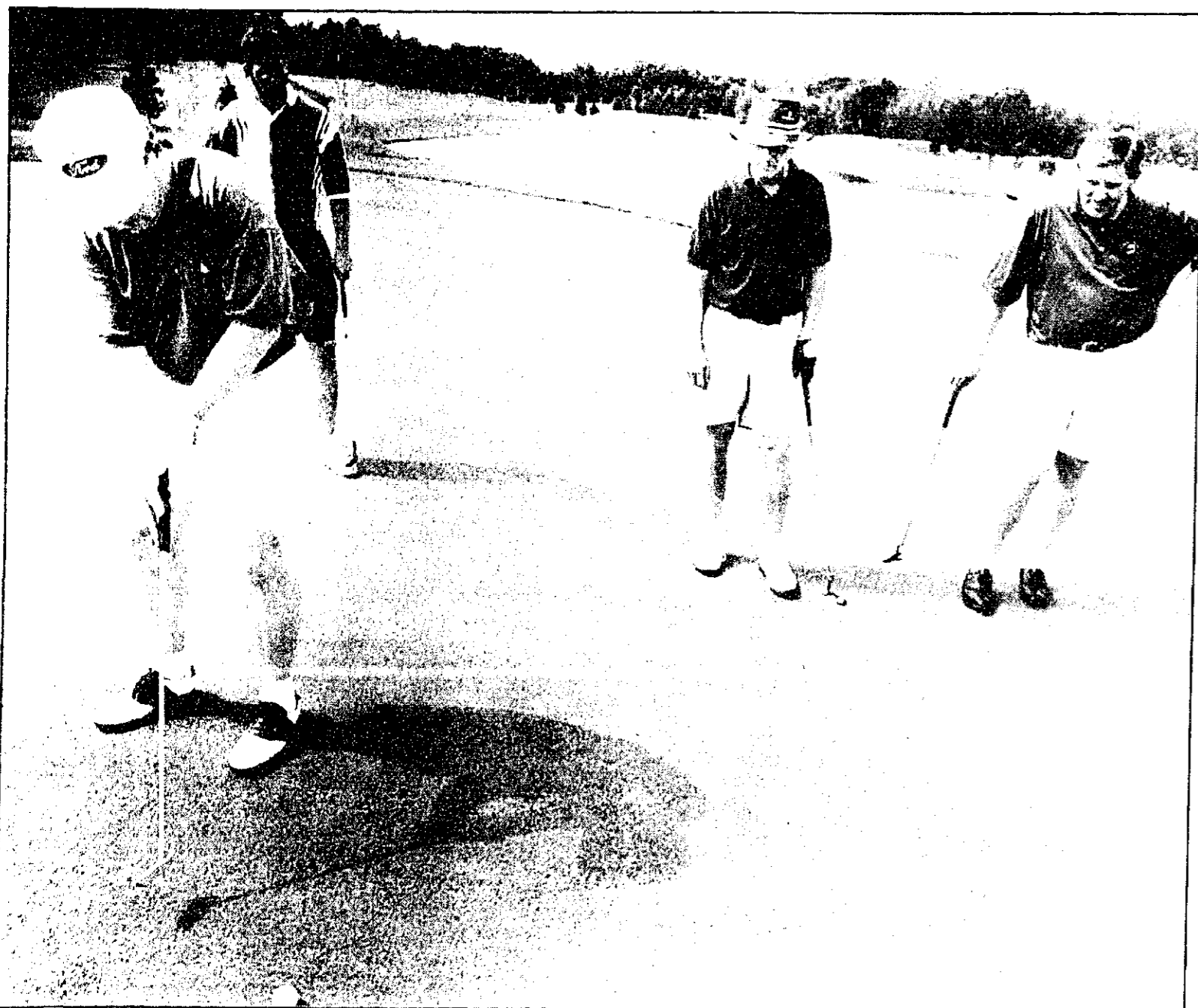


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Task for appointed for preservation of Novi's Fuerst farm

First, you take the Fuerst step. As a way of managing the preservation of the Fuerst Farm site, a task force to run the project was appointed Monday by the Novi City Council.

On board are Novi City Council Member Kathy Mutch, Planning Commission Chair Laura Lorenzo, Preservation Novi president Jim Antosiak, Parks and Recreation Chair Bob Pfeiffer and Economic Development Corporation member Jim Rose. Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver will be a non-voting, ex-officio member.

They are charged with preparing a comprehensive strategy for the preservation and re-adaptation of the Talt and Ten Mile Road corner within one year.

However, Council Members Nancy Cassis and Richard Clark urged that the force be expanded to allow more community involvement.

"My concern all along is to move into the area not of preservation but of funding mechanisms," Cassis said, urging that members of the business community and school district officials be added to the force.

Mutch said the plan is to set up smaller committees to handle specific issues surrounding the project.

Meanwhile, the group will supervise the stabilization of the historic building and submit an application to get the farm on the National Register of Historic Properties.

The creation of the task force came out of discussions with National Trust for Historic Preservation consultant Frank Gilbert during his visit to Novi, Klaver noted.

Walled Lake sets up hot line for bond

Are you wondering how much the Walled Lake Schools bond issue will cost you? Residents of the district may call (810) 960-8308 between now and the Sept. 28 election to find out. Callers must give the following information:

- Taxable (not market) value of home;
- Household income;
- Tax jurisdiction (municipality);
- Marital status;
- Indicate whether you are a senior citizen or disabled, and if you itemize your federal tax return. It is not necessary to give your name but if you wish a call back, you must leave a phone number.

The district is growing by more than 500 students each year and is currently using leased and temporary facilities to house about 700 of its students. The bond issue will build three new schools and improve and enlarge others.

Golf outing a success

The Novi Educational Foundation Golf Outing held last month at the Links of Novi was a success, according to NEF member John Balagna. More than 70 people appeared on the greens

Aug. 21 to generate \$2,000 for scholarships and projects in the Novi Community School District. Above, Emmett Lippe puts while Dennis Haggerty, Jim Koster and Dan Harfoot look on.

School was too cool on election day

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

"Things were probably a little too cool."

That's the verdict on why city election workers at the Novi High School precinct wound up sweating off the pounds Aug. 6, according to Jim Koster, assistant superintendent for Novi Schools.

City Clerk Tommi Bartholomew was a little hot under the collar earlier this month after election workers complained the auditorium air conditioning was turned off on them during the primary election, causing problems for the workers and for the ballot machines, which started to jam up due to the humidity.

The temperature was in the mid 90s that day.

However, Koster said the issue has been straightened out, and as it turns out, the election workers had actually complained to janitorial staff that the air conditioning was too cold.

"Election workers had propped open the doors to get warm," Koster said.

So the custodian turned off the air conditioning around 6:30 p.m. "They did it for the comfort of the election workers," he added.

Koster explained that when the staff was notified of the heat problem a little later that night, the air conditioning couldn't be easily turned on.

"Now the city clerk has my home phone number," said Koster. "We've learned we need a little more communication between myself and the city clerk."

While she hadn't heard that version of events, Deputy City Clerk Nancy Reutter said that communication is forthcoming.

With Bartholomew on maternity leave and many of the election workers on vacation immediately after the election, Reutter said she and Koster agreed to talk about the problem more extensively in the future.

Remodeling show set for Expo Center

It's almost a sure bet that homeowners will find what they have been looking for at the 4th annual Fall Remodeling Show which is open Thursday, Sept. 26 through Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Novi Expo Center.

There are some 200 exhibitors who will show their most interesting and up-to-date products and services for kitchens, baths, home offices, doors, windows, yard/gardens, remodeling, interior design, furniture, arts and crafts, decorative accessories, pet accessories, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors; \$3 for children 6-12, and children under 6 are admitted free. For information, call (810) 737-4478.

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Subdivision can keep entry sign

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The sign on Eight Mile Road stays up.

That was the conclusion in a settlement approved this week by the City of Novi, which was sued by Grand/Sakwa of Novi, developers of the 331-lot Chase Farms subdivision, one of Novi's priciest.

With 141 homes then up for sale, Grand/Sakwa took the city and its Zoning Board of Appeals to court in March, seeking monetary damages in excess of \$10,000. The ZBA turned down the developer's application to keep the board up for another year.

Under the newly adopted terms, Novi won't be paying a thing. City Attorney David Fried said.

"The council believes there was some debate over it at the ZBA. The council believes that it was really not detrimental and that it was a reasonable request," Fried said.

The agreement permits Chase Farms to keep the sign up until building permits have been pulled on all but three of the lots or for five years, whichever comes first.

With Chase Farms setting the pace the question is, will other developers seek to keep their sales signs at full mast?

"That'll be decided by the council on a case by case basis, Fried said.

"I don't think the council will

use this as a precedent," he added. Residents of Chase Farms backed the developer in a petition, noting that they wanted to see all those new residences sell fast to reduce construction and home-shopping traffic through the neighborhood.

From 1991 to 1996, Grand/Sakwa won a variance from the ZBA to keep their sign in place. But in Feb. 1996, the ZBA said enough is enough and denied a waiver. A year earlier, the firm had put up a second sign along Nine Mile Road.

The lawsuit argued that the Eight Mile sign directs traffic to the development's sales office and four model homes, collectively valued at over \$2 million.

By removing the sales sign at Eight Mile Road, Grand/Sakwa has contended it would impede some \$40-\$50 million in new home sales. Houses in the development are in the \$400,000 to \$600,000 range.

Mediation of the dispute was scheduled for November and a January 1997 trial, now averted, was set.

With its three phases, Chase Farms is one big community, over 1.3 miles long and one-quarter of a mile wide.



The developers of the Chase Farms subdivision will get to keep their sign on Eight Mile Road after the city settled a lawsuit over it. Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Walsh expands Novi complex

Walsh College is expanding in Novi and has grown considerably since it began directly serving the communities in western Wayne and Oakland counties and extending services to Livingston and Washtenaw in the fall of 1993.

Recently, Walsh College has purchased 11 acres at a cost of \$1.75 million near the site of our current extension campus located in the Novi Garden Office Park on the northwest corner of Eleven Mile and Meadowbrook roads. We are nearing completion of the Fall 1996 phase of expansion which includes an additional 74,000 square feet of classroom space plus a new 152 space parking lot. This represents a 50 percent increase in classroom space which will enable us to better serve our students while work is begun on the permanent Walsh College Novi campus slated for completion in the Fall of 1998.

Campbell/Manix of Southfield has assisted the college in completing the parking lot and finalizing decisions on the overall project. Jeffery Scott Architects and Pontiac Ceiling and Partition have designed and completed the renovating of the current space.

To recognize the outstanding efforts of these partners and in anticipation of the Spring '97 groundbreaking, we are erecting signage to announce the Walsh College Novi campus at a brief ceremony on Friday, Aug. 16.

Dispatchers win price hike for service

Passed with dispatch recently in Novi was a three percent price adjustment in a four-community agreement for police and fire dispatch services.

Under a system worked out in the mid-1980s, the Novi Police Department provides, for a fee, the police and fire dispatch services for Wixom and South Lyon and the fire dispatch services for Lyon Township.

The new contract recently approved by the Novi City Council increases the charge to these communities by three percent, reflecting salary increases negotiated in the dispatch staff's union contracts.

"This regional dispatch system continues to be an excellent example of a joint cooperative delivery service system that I believe has represented a tremendous cost savings for all four participating communities," Novi Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver said.

Total costs to Lyon Township are \$9,500, while Wixom and South Lyon each pay out \$29,500. That means Novi collects \$68,500 from the agreement.

Included in the annual payments since 1990 are portion of Novi's dispatch manager's salary. Wixom and South Lyon each pay 20 percent of the manager's income, while Lyon Township pays ten percent, leaving 50 percent to Novi.

All of the other municipalities reserves the right to back out with a 30 days notice to Novi.

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As We See It

Was sign case a waste of city time and money?

The good news is that city will not be going to court over the sales sign at the entrance of the Chase Farms Subdivision on Eight Mile Road.

The city has instead decided to settle the case. The city won't be paying damages, but the city will allow Grand/Sakwa of Novi, the developers of the subdivision, to keep the sign for a while. The agreement will allow the developer to keep the sign up until all but three lots have been sold in that subdivision, or for five years, whichever ever comes first.

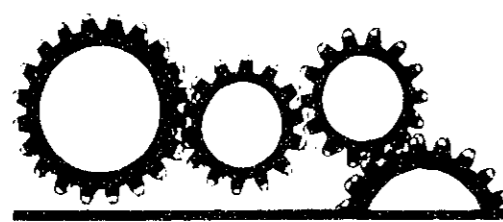
That's not at all a bad settlement. For one, the sign can hardly be considered an eyesore. It's pictured on page 9 of today's edition in case you want to take a look.

Frankly, it doesn't make sense that a developer would put up an unsightly sign at the entrance of such a swanky development. Those homes, all 141 of them, go for \$400,000 to \$600,000. Would homebuyers invest in a subdivision like that if the developers put a junky sign at the entranceway? The developers contended in their lawsuit that being forced to remove the sign would impede the sale of some \$40-\$50 million worth of new homes.

And the subdivision residents wanted the sign to remain. They apparently figured that the sooner the developer could sell all those lots, the sooner the homes would all get built, and the sooner the construction traffic on their subdivision roads would go away. They actually signed a petition urging that the city let the sign stay.

The city Zoning Board of Appeals however disagreed. After having let the sign stay from 1991 to 1996, the ZBA decided in February that that was long enough and denied a further waiver.

That led the developer to file in court



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seeking damages worth more than \$10,000.

Well, now that issue has been settled, the only remaining question is why the argument had to go that far in the first place.

Frankly, it is everyone's best interest that it stay. It's obviously best for the builders and developers, who want to get their financial returns out of the subdivision as soon as possible. The residents there said it was best for them.

And certainly the potential buyers who want to look at the homes will be served best by a sign directing them to their location.

Now, it was the city council that settled the case, disagreeing with the position of the ZBA. But keep in mind that the ZBA was only interpreting the rules set forth by the council.

It still appears that Novi's city sign ordinances are too tough, in some cases ridiculously tough. And they need more review.

Somewhat, this city needs to stop viewing signs as necessarily bad. They serve a purpose. They guide drivers, both from within the city and from outside, to their destinations.

Is it to anyone's benefit when someone cannot find their way around town because certain signs are not allowed, or are so hard to see they get overlooked? How does it help anyone for drivers to get lost?

Hard to find good help

It's an interesting dilemma. Novi area businesses now find they are having a hard time getting employees.

Local businesses report that they end up working the employees they do have for longer hours and they are working longer hours themselves to keep their operations running, and are making more concessions and being more flexible in order to attract more employees.

Of course, pay rates too get boosted to get the necessary workers.

And you can see the evidence of all this in the number of help wanted signs posted around town, and with the occasional incidents in which the signs advertise higher pay rates.

Various causes are to blame. Michigan has a low unemployment rate at present, and while that's good ... very good, it does have its downside. And now that the fall is here, youngsters who often fill many of those jobs are headed off to school.

There is so much demand for workers that one local businessman quipped: "There's a flood of jobs out there. Unemployment is a joke. Anybody who is unemployed chooses not to work."

While there is merit to that point, it is still an interesting dilemma because when we broaden the view to include more communities, we can easily find high in the metroplex that suffer high jobless rates and grinding poverty.

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munities just can't get here to work regularly. And on goes the list of possible arguments.

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Welcome to Construction Zone



Michael Malott

Hmmm ... how would Rod Serling have written this column?

City Manager Ed Kriewall and Department of Public Works Director Tony Nowicki are standing side by side at a construction site when a bulldozer backs over both of them and squishes them flat.

The two regain consciousness in a dreamy afterworld, in black-and-white only of course, to find themselves seated in a shiny new Chrysler Viper cruising down a stretch of unbroken two-lane blacktop.

"Must be heaven," they conclude. After a few minutes, they come upon a "road closed" sign and a detour arrow pointing left. They turn, but only a mile down that road they come to another intersection with two "road closed" barricades and a detour sign pointing left again.

Kriewall and Nowicki glance at each other nervously. They sense this may not be heaven after all. But they continue onward; now they need to know.

A mile further on, they come to yet another intersection, this time with three "road closed" signs and a placard stating "detour ends."

"They look at each other and scream in the realization that their worst fears have come true: 'Oh no! This is ... Novi!'"

... You have just entered The Twilight Zone ...

Late word to the newspaper is that Thirteen Mile and Meadowbrook roads have been reopened to traffic as of Wednesday morning. The reason given is that the Michigan Department of Transportation is running behind on M-5, so it is reopening Thirteen Mile to traffic. I've no doubt the real reason is all complaints the city has received in the past few days from drivers and residents.

The reopenings are good news, although I have to believe the relief is only temporary. The work has to be done. The road will have to be closed eventually. Can the MDOT wait until the city finishes work on Novi Road?

But whenever roads have to be closed for construction, I have a suggestion for the city — mark the detour with signs all the way around the construction zone.

That's what a detour is for, isn't it? To tell drivers how to get around the construction in the most efficient way possible, isn't it?

With so many roads under construction, when routes are being opened and closed so often, it is hard for drivers, even those familiar with city streets, to figure out the best way to get where they are going. Out-of-towners will surely be hopelessly lost.

Keep in mind that while all these roads were closed earlier this week, construction was underway on some of the routes the city suggested as alternatives. Wixom Road was closed at Maple. Beck was being worked on, although it remained open. Entrance ramps from Orchard Lake to the expressway were closed over the weekend.

On Monday, I found myself at the corner of Thirteen Mile and Decker looking at two "road closed" barricades and a "detour ends" sign. "Someone in DPW should be shot," I said to myself.

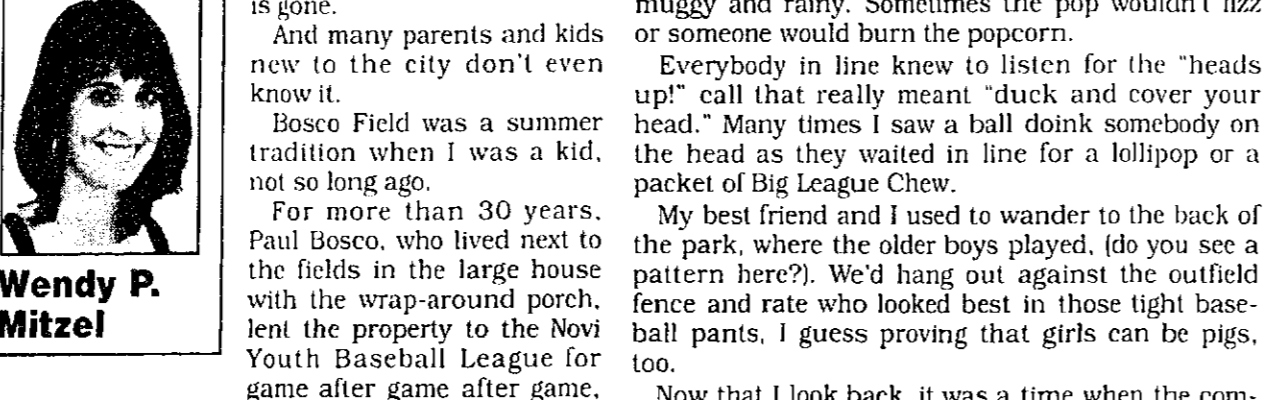
On Wednesday, the barricades remained but a new detour sign had been posted signaling "Novi Road South" travelers west on Thirteen Mile. At Thirteen and Novi Road, detour signs directed traffic up East Lake Drive and South Lake Drive. I followed the latter, but there were no further signs showing the rest of the detour route. I could envision some poor visitor to our fair city sitting at the intersection of West and South Lake hopefully lost and wondering where to go next. "No, shooting would be too quick," I thought.

Of course there is one other alternative — just change all the city limit markers to read, "You have just entered Novi Road Construction Hell."

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

Moments

By Bryan Mitchell



Reporter and Novi resident Randy Coble swims the Gualee River in West Virginia

River Randy

A staple of growing up Novi is gone.

And many parents and kids new to the city don't even know it.

Bosco Field was a summer tradition when I was a kid, not so long ago.

For more than 30 years, Paul Bosco, who lived next to the fields in the large house with the wrap-around porch, lent the property to the Novi Youth Baseball League for game after game after game.

Now that I look back, it was a time when the community really worked together to make something happen. The board of directors for Novi Youth Baseball League were parents. Moms and dads who wanted to provide an opportunity for their kids.

During those hot summers, that's where the action was. Everyone knew everyone by name. Little kids ran the bases during innings. Girls tried to get in on the action by grabbing a mitt and playing catch.

It wasn't the most glamorous park in the world by any means. It was simple, no fuss fun. You knew to bring your own lawn chair.

But now the dusty ball fields are thick with weeds, the outfield fences are torn down. The place where many a Novi youngster spent summers learning the art of baseball is now destined for yet another subdivision.

For those who can remember, Bosco Field was a rite of passage.

Little boys grew up on that field. Showing up each spring for try-outs. Advancing from the pony division to the major division. Going from the automatic pitcher to real life pitchers.

Little girls grew up there, too. Watching their little brothers play and then finding older athletes to pay attention to.

I grew up there. I can remember when my little brother slid into second base and got a piece of metal in his eye and had to be taken to the emergency room. It's still there, in the hazel park, a memento from his past.

I spent many summers helping my mother sell candy from the rickety concession stand in the mid-

dle of the ball fields. It was always hot and dusty. Or muggy and rainy. Sometimes the pop wouldn't fizzle or someone would burn the popcorn.

Everybody in line knew to listen for the "heads up!" call that really meant "duck and cover your head." Many times I saw a ball doink somebody on the head as they waited in line for a lollipop or a packet of Big League Chew.

My best friend and I used to wander to the back of the park, where the older boys played. [Do you see a pattern here?]. We'd hang out against the outfield fence and rate who looked best in those tight baseball pants. I guess proving that girls can be pigs, too.

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I'll take the clear eye of political pros



Phil Power

State political party conventions, the last calendar event on the run-up to the general election of Nov. 5, are upon us.

Michigan Democrats filled out their party's ticket with nominations from the state Supreme Court and educational posts

last Sunday. State GOP activists did the same a day earlier.

In years past, party conventions were seriously significant events because, unlike today, party leaders and convention delegates were the ones who picked nominees for governor and senator. Competing candidates fought to get their delegates seated at the conventions. Party leaders gathered in "midnight caucuses" in smoke-filled rooms to cut deals that put people on the ballot.

These days, of course, we employ a far more democratic way of selecting candidates for high office. We hold primary elections. Primaries allow far greater participation in selecting candidates by the public at-large. They eliminate the bossism of the smoke-filled room. They expose candidates and their platforms to the scrutiny of the news media.

I'd argue that a big part — a very big part — of the problems of our politics arise directly from the excesses that democracy has introduced by using primary elections

as the main device for nominating candidates.

Rub off the sheen of the good government rhetoric about primaries, and ask yourself: What really happens?

To begin with, turnout is low — often very low. For example, turnout in the Aug. 6 primary race for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate between Jim Nicholson and Ronna Romney was the fourth lowest since World War II. Why should a minority of all voters — even at 682,447 ballots in the GOP primary, it's still a minority — dictate what choices a majority will face in a general election three months later? Is this really the direct democracy that theorists claim?

And more to the point, the minority who do vote in primary elections is largely uninformed about the candidates, their positions on issues, and their various glories and failings. Why? Because most of the information about the candidates for most of people is indirect, conveyed primarily through the media, whether in news stories ("free media" in the nomenclature of political pros) or in TV ads ("paid media").

You tell me. Does the average conscientious GOP primary voter know more about Ronna Romney as a political candidate and a human being than the 100 top Republican Party activists who have known and worked with her in the party vineyards for more than a decade? No way!

Believe me, if there are skeletons in a candidate's closet, those who worked closest with him or her for years will know them far better — and understand their political impact far more clearly — than a

voter whose vague perceptions are formed through the filter of the news media and the expensive TV campaign.

It's bad that primary elections confer too much power on the news media, but it's far worse that they give enormous influence to single-interest groups. Rich organizations, whether the AFL-CIO or the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, can determine winners early by big contributions to primary campaigns. Intense groups can mobilize their members to tilt a primary election in a way that gets their candidate nominated, but at the cost of likely defeat in a general election.

Consider GOP senatorial nominee Romney. There is no doubt whatsoever that her narrow — 52.2 percent — victory over Nicholson came about because Michigan Right to Life ignited its vaunted field organization to turn out the vote for the "pro-life" candidate. Of course, it's too early to tell, but most political insiders consider Romney to be a far less potent challenger to incumbent Sen. Carl Levin than Nicholson would have been.

Right to Life may have nominated its favorite, but it may well also have lost any chance to mount a serious challenge to Levin.

Smoke-filled rooms may be smelly, and they may be "anti-democratic." But I'll take the clear-eyed, knowing judgment of political pros in selecting candidates every time.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper, His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

Taxpayers can prevent waste in Novi

To the editor: Thank you, Michael Malott. Your editorial on Novi's bonding us to debt was right on target.

I sit at the City Council meetings where every multi-unit housing development that comes before council is okayed. Council authorizes the cutting down of our valued woodlands and the moving of our protected wetlands for every developer who hits town, all in the

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name of the "Master Plan" of Novi. Consequently our roads are impassable, our fire protection is inadequate, and schools grow overcrowded. Bond the taxpayers of Novi for new fire protection is bond the taxpayers of Novi. Bonds for our roads because Novi City

Council and city government have allowed every developer to build. Knowing our roads are already overcrowded, Bond the taxpayers of Novi for new fire protection is close up station No. 4 and build a new one a few miles away. We

complain that Washington is a tax-and-spend government. Yet, we here in Novi allow our city government to do the same thing.

Taxpayers can prevent it here. Stop the expansion until the roads and services catch up with the growth. Vote down bond issues. Perhaps then the City of Novi will actually listen to our real concerns.

Carol Jean Crawford

Striking a nerve on character education

To the editor: Wow, did we strike a nerve. "Bible values are tools in plot to kill public schools" smacks one headline. "Character education ... a stark necessity in a nation where kids run wild?" or a move toward church-run public schools" begins a news account of last month's board meeting.

The State Board of Education started this conversation by discussing a resolution on character education. It encourages but does not require Michigan public school boards, administrators and teachers to involve families and communities in different ways of promoting good character, citizenship and values in the schools. Certain nationalists and cartoonists notwithstanding, the board has received positive support from parents, teachers and other citizens.

The State Board of Education raises the issue of character education because we have lost what used to be a common understanding: education is a moral undertaking. As Theodore Roosevelt said, "To educate in mind and not morals is to create a menace to society." We are also losing sight of our uniquely American character and are dividing ourselves into a bevy of balkanized groups.

While many teachers valiantly work to promote good character in their classrooms, others teach (sometimes unwittingly) a moral relativism. Good citizenship, strong communities, and excellent performance require of us all a common understanding of good character and basic moral principles.

Whenever the words virtue, morality, character, truth or even right and wrong are raised in public schools, there are those who ask, "So, whose values or whose truth, do you want to teach in schools?"

Are there no virtues upon which we as Americans, living at the edge of the 21st century, in the most free and prosperous society in the history of humankind, can possibly agree? Have we forgotten that, as a people, we began our experiment in freedom recognizing certain self-evident truths?

Attributes of character which make freedom and a good life possible are integrity, wisdom, a sense of justice, courage, self-discipline, humility, a capacity to forgive and to be forgiven, to love the good and to avoid evil. Keep commitments. Learn from mistakes. Seek what is true. Do what is right. Reject envy. Seek to meet needs of others. Take responsibility. Possess a discerning heart and a teachable spirit.

Work hard. Pursue excellence.

Character education is not a trend, a fad, or a curriculum to buy. Character is primarily taught by example, foremost in the home; but moral teaching can result from reading good literature, which broadens our moral imagination and helps abstract principles to life. This literature can come from many cultures ... and yes, even Abraham, Moses, Esther, Ruth, and other stories from the Hebrew Bible can be read legally in a public school classroom to discuss the lives and moral teaching of many great men and women.

On a cultural and political level, G. Mennen Williams, Michigan's longest serving Democratic Governor, observed in his first inaugural address in 1949, that the very foundation of our western democracies is rooted in the teachings of Moses and Jesus. In Abraham Lincoln's short but poignant second inaugural address delivered a few weeks before an assassin's bullet brought his life to an end, he suggests a profound cause of the Civil War and a framework for binding up the nation's wounds. He draws meaning from the Bible in "Matthew's Book" twice, "David" once, and closes with the central idea of the first chapter of "James" letter to the 12 tribes scattered among the nations. Agree or disagree, as a matter of academic and political integrity, to form thoughtful judgments, we need to explore these understandings, their sources, and then determine what, if any, relevance they have for us today in what we do and how we understand our own history, culture, and moral foundations.

Religious liberty and tolerance of our great diversity and deepest differences are a cornerstone of the American idea. It makes America, as James Billington, the Librarian of Congress, observed "a country that has historically added without subtracting."

Yet Billington urges us to explore more deeply the roots of our common and distinctive heritage so, paradoxically, we might better understand the resurgent cultural diversity throughout the world. "The bridges to other cultures will not be solid unless they begin with casements that are sunk deep into one's own native ground. And all the branches of our learning will die if they are cut off from their roots that lie deep in that ground," Billington, like Gov. Williams and President Lincoln before, challenges us to explore that deeper ground of our heritage and our knowledge.

Clark Durant, President State Board of Education

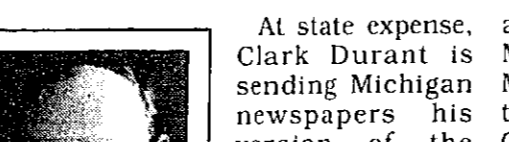
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One suspects Durant has ulterior motives



Tim Richard

At state expense, Clark Durant is sending Michigan newspapers his version of "the meaning of a 'character education' resolution before the State Board of Education."

Durant as board president reports only his own views, not the other seven members', and slyly makes the issue sound like motherhood, apple pie and the flag.

"Wow, did we strike a nerve," begins Durant, R-Grosse Pointe. "The State Board of Education raises the issue of character education because we have lost what used to be a common understanding: education is a moral undertaking."

Gosh, Golly-gee. Is that the problem? Nothing controversial about that.

Durant informs us that some teachers "teach (sometimes unwittingly) a moral relativism." I sure was glad to know that because no one ever cited a single example in the board session — not even Durant.

His July audience raised tough questions at which Durant merely flashed his charming grin. Items:

"The resolution mentions 'parents' (Durant's favorite code word) five times, emphasizing their role as 'their children's first teachers.' A fellow board member

asked, what if the parents are Michigan Militia types? Or suppose they're like the Macomb County parents who forced their twins to engage in a fist fight — what then? Or parents who glue a kid's eyes shut?"

The draft resolution asks school boards to form committees of "parents, educators, business, religious and other community representatives ..." It fails to limit the proportions of any one group, a Livonia woman pointed out. Is it OK, for example, to stack the committee with hill-billy creationists? Or should all religions — not just the predominant ones in Grosse Pointe or Holland — be represented? The carelessly-drafted resolution has no guidelines.

A Warren father warned that "special interests are drooling at the prospect of getting their hands on character education because we have lost what used to be a common understanding: education is a moral undertaking."

Thomas Edison said, "Genius is 2 percent inspiration and 98 percent perspiration." Good legislation, likewise, is 2 percent an attractive idea and 98 percent plugging up ways that the program's intention can be perverted.

Durant's resolution — his literary touch is obvious — cites the Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution, and his state-mailed personal essay quotes Theodore Roosevelt, Gov. G. Mennen Williams, Abraham Lincoln and James Billington (Librarian of Congress) and cites lessons from "the Hebrew Bible."

He overlooks — deliberately, I suspect — the Michigan Constitution, source of the

State Board of Education's authority. For example:

Art. I, sec. 4: "No person shall be compelled to attend, or, against his consent, to contribute to the erection or support of any place of religious worship, or pay tithes, taxes or other rates for the support of any minister of the gospel or teacher of religion."

Art. VIII, sec. 2: "Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils without discrimination as to religion ..."

Art. VII, sec. 3: "Leadership and general supervision over all public education ... is vested in a state board of education. It shall serve as the general planning and coordinating body for all public education."

Second opinion due on staffing

Continued from 1
approve a 2.25 millage increase for both the police and fire departments, don't expect that anytime soon. However, at the citizens committee's recommendation, the city has placed a \$4.7 million bond issue for police and fire building improvements on the ballot.

The legislature has already clipped back the share of funding for high-growth communities, but State Sen. Willis Dillard, R-Milford has introduced a bill to up the ante.

"He's very confident that legislation will pass," Kriewall said.

"Novi is the largest beneficiary of the legislation in the State of Michigan, based on our population growth."

Much of the consultant's report

"We realistically cannot add officers any faster than we are today."

Ed Kriewall
City Manager

backed the committee's conclusions, Kriewall said.

At present, the department's civilian staff is disproportionately high, Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver noted.

In comparing Novi to area cities, the firm focused on Southfield and Troy, both double Novi's size. How-

ever, like these two cities, Novi's status as a regional center causes a significant swelling of the population in the daytime.

Novi has a crime rate of 0.13 per each 1,000 residents, while that in Troy is 0.10 and in Southfield, 0.15.

Novi's growth and the shift to community-based policing means the police department's workload is growing, too, the consultants said.

Based on the 1996 census count, Novi should have 62 police officers and 23 "civilian" employees, Coopers & Lybrand found. The city now has 57 officers and 25 civilians on staff.

If Novi reaches an anticipated population level of 65,000 at full build-out, it would need 136 law

enforcement employees, 98 of them officers, Coopers & Lybrand noted in their report. The citizens committee report, which calls for a slow building of employees, would put six more officers in place at the 65,000 level than Coopers & Lybrand.

Coopers & Lybrand also advised that the police department:

- Stagger shift times, so that the changing of shifts does not lead to "call stacking."
- Shift jail detail to non-officers.
- Adopt a cadet program.
- Have three dispatchers rather than two per shift, detailing one towards record-keeping duties, to permit breaks for dispatchers during busy times.
- Add laptop computers to patrol cars.

Council approves laptops for cops

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

"Powerbook him, Dano."

Monday, the Novi City Council tentatively approved a bid which will place laptop computers and modems in police patrol cars. The next job is finding a bank to loan the city the \$670,000 to pay for the purchases.

"We're not committing ourselves at this point until we find out if the financing is feasible," Council Member Rob Mittel said.

The Novi Police Department already has a federal grant of \$200,000 to help pay for the conversion to "mobile reporting." And Coopers & Lybrand, outside consultants commissioned by the city, agreed that the upgrade to higher tech will be a timesaver, especially for road patrol officers.

"Keep them in the field where they can respond to demands for service," Police Chief Douglas Shafer said.

The entire organization is anx-

iously awaiting the results of your action. We are looking forward to it."

Not only will the officers be able to send reports, but they'll be able to download material useful to law enforcement officers in the field, such as mug shots.

While doing the budget this spring, the council OK'd yearly payments of \$106,000 to help to police department switch over to computer-aided dispatching and a computer records management system.

Monday, the council agreed that they will likely award the bid for the basic system to D.M. Data Corporation for \$416,000, as well as another \$263,000 for hardware. Annual maintenance and other costs are estimated at \$75,000.

If the city finds an interest rate of 6 percent, it will pay about \$59,000 for the \$394,000 loan.

POLICE STAFFING LEVELS

Ratio of enforcement employees to 1,000 pop.

City of Novi Police Department actual staffing levels today with five new officers hired due to federal grants 1.4
 Recommendation from consultants Coopers & Lybrand for Novi 2.1
 Recommendation from 1996 citizens, Police and Fire Protection Study Committee 1.6
 Recommendation from 1987 Police and Fire Needs citizens committee. 1.5
 U.S. Department of Justice standards, for North East Central District communities of 25,000 to 49,000, comparable to Novi today 2.0
 U.S. Department of Justice standards for the region, population of 50,000 to 99,000, which Novi is expected to reach in future 2.1
 Thirty-two surrounding communities surveyed by Coopers & Lybrand 1.7
 Surrounding communities with population of 25,000 to 70,000 1.7
 City of Southfield, twice Novi's size with comparable crime rate, per Coopers & Lybrand report. 2.5
 City of Troy, twice as big as Novi with comparable crime rate, per Coopers & Lybrand report. 2.4

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT UPT 96-044

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that DeMena Building Company is requesting a temporary use permit to allow two (2) construction trailers at 4500 Grand River Avenue, north of Grand River Avenue and west of Talt Road. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period of not longer than six months.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 PM on Wednesday September 18, 1996 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to September 18, 1996.

(9-12-96 NN, NR)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there are upcoming vacancies on the following Boards and Commissions:

- Beautification Commission
- Historical Commission
- Parks & Recreation Commission
- Board of Review
- Hazardous Chemicals Committee
- Housing & Community Development Committee

All applications must be submitted to the City Clerk's Office no later than FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1996. Applications are available in the office of the City Clerk by calling 347-0456.

TONNI BARTHOLEMEW, CITY CLERK
(9-5-96 & 9-12-96 NR, NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 2, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider ORDINANCE NO. 96-18 (TOWN CENTER SIGN ORDINANCE). AN ORDINANCE TO AD A PREAMBLE TO CHAPTER 28 OF THE NOV CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO AMEND SECTION 28-6 OF SAID CODE AND TO AMEND SUBSECTION 28-6(4) OF SAID CODE, TO STATE THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF SAID CHAPTER, TO AMEND THE REGULATION OF THE TYPE, NUMBER AND PLACEMENT OF SIGNS AND TO REVISE THE CODE PROVISIONS REGULATING THE PLACEMENTS OF FLAGS.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning Commission Development Department (Attn: Steve Cohen, Staff Planner), 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, October 2, 1996.

TONNI BARTHOLEMEW, CITY CLERK
(9-12-96 NR/NN)

CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS PRINTING SERVICES - ANNUAL REPORT CALENDAR

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for printing services for the "ANNUAL REPORT CALENDAR" according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, September 25, 1996 at the City of Novi Administrative Offices. All envelopes must be clearly marked, "ANNUAL REPORT CALENDAR" and must bear the name of the bidder. All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. Address all bids to:

City of Novi
Attn: Carol J. Kalinovic, Purchasing Director
45175 W. Ten Mile Road
Novi, Michigan 48375

Bid Packages may be obtained at the above address.

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

CAROLE J. KALINOVIC
PURCHASING DIRECTOR
(9-12-96 NR/NN)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE 96-22.03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council has adopted Ordinance No. 96-22.03, an Ordinance to revise the definition of "operable motor vehicle" contained within Section 33-706, to include a motor vehicle which does not have and display a current Michigan Registration Plate.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted on September 9, 1996 and the effective date is September 24, 1996. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public purchase, use and inspection in the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. local time.

TONNI BARTHOLEMEW, City Clerk
810-437-0456
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To rezone a part of the north 1/2 of Section 35, T.1N., R.6 E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-35-127-014, 016 & 22-35-200-008, more particularly described as follows:

Parcel 22-35-127-014
The south 300 feet of the east 400 feet of the west 3/4 of the northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 35.

Parcel 22-35-200-008
Beginning at a point on the east R.O.W. line of Roethel Dr. said point being S89°32'25"W 329.12 feet and S00°20'13"E 610.04 feet from the north 1/4 corner of Section 35; thence continuing S00°20'13"E 705.65 feet; thence N89°23'47"E 329.18 feet; thence N89°05'45"E 329.05 feet; thence N00°20'21"W 705.42 feet; thence S89°02'35"W 329.05 feet; thence S89°32'25"W 329.14 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel 22-35-200-008
Beginning at a point on the north line of Section 35 (nominal C/L of Nine Mile Road) said point being N89°02'35"E 70.88 feet from the north 1/4 corner of Section 35; thence S00°20'21"E 610.04 feet; thence N89°02'35"E 258.18 feet; thence N00°20'21"W 610.04 feet to the north line of section 35 (nominal C/L Nine Mile Road); thence S89°02'35"W 258.18 feet along said north line to the point of beginning.

FROM: R-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
TO: R-2 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

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Senate set to pass death bill

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Republicans on a state Senate panel intend Thursday to report out a "dignified death" bill, probably on a split vote, and send it to the floor.

A Democrat served notice he will seek to amend the bill to allow doctor-assisted suicide, subject to approval by voters.

"I will support the bill. It's well written," said Sen. Robert Grake, R-Northville, a member of the Senate Committee on Families, Mental Health and Human Services.

Sen. Bill 1102 is intended to assure that doctors tell terminally ill patients their rights to accept or refuse treatment; are given immunity when they prescribe narcotics as pain killers; and tell patients that Michigan case law prohibits anyone from assisting in a suicide.

Sen. Joel Gansong, R-Day City, also seemed pleased with the bill. Sen. Michael Beachard, D-Birmingham, missed last Thursday's meeting and public hearing but is expected to vote yes.

But Sen. Gary Peters, D-Holland field Township, will offer a substitute "which provide a process to allow a terminally individual to request from a physician a prescription to end his or her life in a dignified manner." The Peters substitute would require voter approval to become law.

Sen. Virgil Smith, D-Detroit, said, "The best determinant of the state's interests is a vote of the people," indicating he will support

the Peters substitute. Peters is likely, however, to wind up on the short end of a 3-2 vote.

The "dignified death" bill that will get majority support steers a course between two polar views.

Right to Life spokesman Ed Rivet supported it but would prefer a bill that provides criminal penalties for a physician who assists in a suicide. "It should create a felony offense for coercion of a patient to commit suicide," added Rivet, citing the abused woman who was assisted in her suicide by Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

"Theological tyranny," said Kenneth Shapiro, Plymouth resident who is executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan. "You're forcing some people to pay for someone else's theology," said Shapiro, referring to a section that prohibits anyone from assisting in a suicide.

In many Christian sects, suicide is a sin that bars the sinner from Heaven and burial in consecrated soil.

Both sides agreed the bill, sponsored by Sen. Dale Shugars, R-Portage, was good in requiring a physician to fully inform a terminally ill patient of alternative treatments, risks, the right to court-appointed guardians, and the right to end treatment.

"Everybody's in favor of more dialog," said ACLU's Simon.

"The bill is a catalyst for patient empowerment," said RFL's Rivet. Critics found the bill ambiguous in a subsection that allows a

Library Briefs

'S' Is For Storytime

The Novi Library has set its fall schedule for storytimes. Ten story hours per week will be offered starting the week of Sept. 30. The "Two of Us" class is for 2-year-olds and "Three's Company" is for 3-year-olds. Both require a parent/caregiver to attend with the toddler. The "On My Own" class is for 4- and 5-year-olds who have not started kindergarten. For this group, the parent/caregiver should remain in the library but not in the storytime room. Classes run approximately 30 minutes. Registration will be done by a "lottery" format where parents/caregivers come into the library any time between Aug. 26 and Sept. 14 fill out the appropriate form and place it in the lottery box. Forms will then be drawn out of the box until all the classes are filled. You can call the Novi Library the week of Sept. 23 to find out your child's placement. The Preschool Storytime brochure, with more information, is available at the library. There will be another session beginning mid-November with the same "lottery" registration procedure. Those lottery forms will be available from Oct. 7 through Oct. 26. Contact Margi at (313) 972-2100 for information.

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Local business has tough time hiring

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Increased competition means an increase in demand.

"The area is growing but the pool of labor is drying up," Horvath added.

The relief many businesses found in the teen workforce this summer is gone now that school is back in session.

Mike McGuire, Guernsey family member, said they anticipated the shortage to increase after school started back up. "I said, 'Wait until these kids go back to school. We get it pretty good while the college kids are here but boy when they go back to school...'"

"We have never seen such a desperately short labor force in all of our years in business," said Donna McGuire.

The shortage crisis is not limited to Guernsey.

"I think we're all in the same situation," said Elaine Kah, marketing director from Twelve Oaks Mall. "The pool of resources is just not what it used to be, what with the unemployment rate down. And the area is growing so much with so many new businesses in the area, if you have a low pool to begin with where do you pull people from?"

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Guernseys needs more workers like Myriam Menke, who is a 12-year veteran and helps out wherever they are short staffed.

Employers must find new ways to attract employees

The thousands of dollars spent on classified ads, notices in store windows, postings at area high schools and colleges are not producing qualified applicants, according to business owners in Novi. As a result, managers have become creative in their attempts to find new hires. What follows is a list of some techniques employers are using to attract workers.

BE FLEXIBLE
The job market is increasingly open to more and more types of people including housewives, retired persons and other people looking for extra income.

Working hours are also becoming more flexible to draw people in who might be able to work 10 to 15 hours a week or even as little as two to three hours a week.

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Twelve Oaks has a help wanted book at the information center listing positions available, qualifications and pay rates for stores in the mall.

"A lot of our stores are finding the best resources are their customers," said Kah.

The mall also holds a job fair each year in August to help fill the 30 percent increase in holiday staffing, Kah said.

RAISE WAGES
Most retailers have increased pay to about \$6 to \$7 in order to better compete and draw people in.

"Retailing for a long time got a bad rap as for their hourly wage but I think you'll find they're paying a very good wage," Kah said.

Kah said Twelve Oaks Mall employees not only get a paycheck but the added benefit of discounts at stores where they work and in other stores in the mall.

BRIBE 'EM
Sometimes, it takes a little extra incentive to find good hires.

Guernsey is offering employees a \$50 finder's fee for those referring an employee who lasts more than 90 days.

"If anyone wants to work, even for just a few hours a day, please give us a call or drop by and fill out an application. We'll even throw in some nice discounts on food, ice cream and groceries," said Donna McGuire.

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 11:00 a.m. — Novi Talkin' History: Novi's First City Council
 12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
 1:30 p.m. — My Russian Friend
 2:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger
 3:00 p.m. — Women on the Move: Depression
 3:30 p.m. — Watch What You Heat
 4:00 p.m. — Rising Tide: G.O.P. TV
 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
 5:30 p.m. — Scary Tales From Novi
 6:00 p.m. — Motorsports: Racing for Kids
 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
 7:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure
 7:30 p.m. — Info TV-12 News Magazine
 8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Jack Louisma, Astronaut
 9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
 9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17

10:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations: To Believe or not to Believe
 10:30 a.m. — Senior Spotlight: Beautification Commission
 11:00 a.m. — Violence and Abuse
 11:30 a.m. — Driving is a Privilege
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University
 1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
 2:30 p.m. — Braiding Simplified
 3:00 p.m. — Every Family Needs a C.E.O.
 4:00 p.m. — Motorsports: Indy Car Crash Testing
 6:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council
 7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
 7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
 8:00 p.m. — The Ride
 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
 10:30 a.m. — Farmington Hills Fire Department Hot Stove
 11:00 a.m. — Seniors Beware: The Furnace Man

11:30 a.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Backyard Barbecue
 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. — Focus on Families
 3:30 p.m. — Groove Session
 4:00 p.m. — Halloween Arrangement
 4:30 p.m. — Info TV-12 News Magazine
 5:00 p.m. — Senior Messenger
 6:00 p.m. — Speakers Row

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: To Believe or not to Believe
 9:30 p.m. — Wise Guys: Single Women in the '90s

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

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 10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive

11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
 11:30 a.m. — Novi's Crime Prevention
 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
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5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
 6:00 p.m. — Travelin' On: The American West
 6:30 p.m. — Farmington Focus: City Hall Tour
 7:00 p.m. — Dr. Success: Power of Success Thinking
 8:00 p.m. — Cash Talks: Ice Cream Social
 9:00 p.m. — The Day We Stole TV

FRIDAY, SEPT. 20

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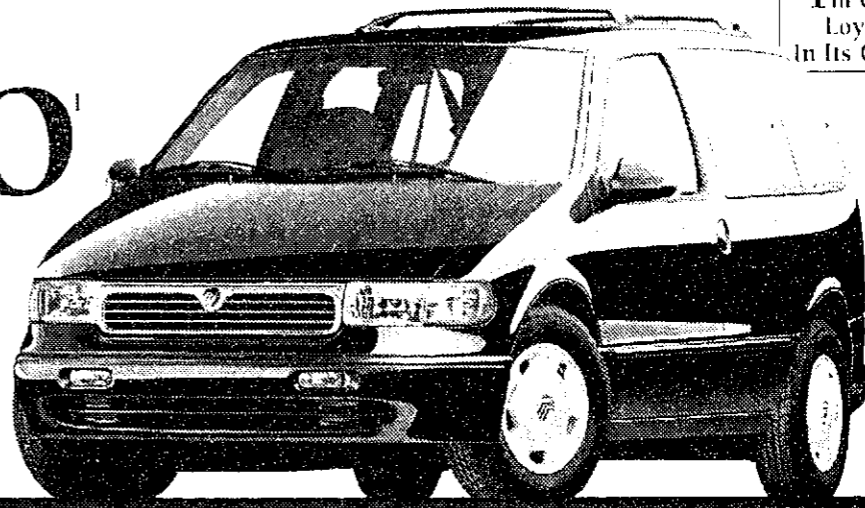


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To participate in the program, shoppers bring their shopping center receipts - for everything from jeans and jewelry to movie tickets and cappuccino - to the colorful schoolhouse booths located in the four centers. Customer service representatives staffing the booths stamp the receipts, credit them via computer to whatever school the shopper selects, and return them to the customer.

All receipts must be dated July 29 through Jan. 31, 1997, but customers may collect receipts and turn them in any time before Jan. 31.

Last year, "Be True to Your School" produced \$293,281 in credits for schools to spend on educational materials from some of the country's largest and best-respected school/library suppliers, including National Geographic, PBS Video and Follett Library.

"This program is a win-win proposition, and a perfect example of what can be accomplished when businesses and the schools get together," said Kathleen Straus, a Detroit resident and a member of the Michigan State Board of Education. "Anything that brings attention to the significance of our schools and any project designed to help them is very valuable."

"The schools get extra resources, which are helpful in supplementing what's been cut from their budgets," she explained. "And participants have a good feeling because they are supporting their schools."

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According to Marian Nelson, scones, breads and other sweets are typical items served at "high tea."

**Victorian Tea
Table Setting**Patterns can be mixed if there is a
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On the tea table were:

- A large silver tray for the sterling tea service which included teapot, milk server, sugar bowl with tongs or teaspoon, strainer and bowl used for tea leaves;
- Small plate of thin slices of lemon with a small fork;
- Porcelain tea cups and saucers with sterling silver teaspoons;
- Porcelain plates for food;
- Dessert forks for pastry;
- Sterling teaspoons for sherbet or strawberries;
- Cups of sherbet or bowls of fresh strawberries;
- Sterling silver container of cream;
- Plates of little sandwiches, cookies, hot buttered scones, fruit cake, brownies or any sweet;
- Dainty white tea napkins usually trimmed in lace.

From Letitia Baldridge's Complete Guide
to the New Manners for the '90s.**Behavior
to be avoided
at the table**

- Never allow butter, soup, or other food to remain on your whiskers.
- Never wear gloves at the table, unless your hands for some special reason are unfit to be seen.
- Never, when serving others, overload the plate nor force upon them delicacies which they decline.
- Never make a display when removing hair, insects, or other disagreeable things from your food. Place them quietly under the edge of your plate.
- Never open your mouth when chewing.
- Never make noises with the mouth or throat.
- Never leave the table with food in the mouth.
- Never tip back in your chair nor lounge upon the table.
- Never permit yourself to use gestures nor illustrations made with a knife or fork on the tablecloth.
- Never hold bones in your fingers while you eat from them.
- Never encourage a dog or cat to play with you at the table.
- Never explain at the table why certain foods do not agree with you.
- Never pick your teeth or put your hand in your mouth. Use a napkin.

From *The Essential Handbook
of Victorian Etiquette* by
Professor Thomas E. Hill

TEA TIME

Enjoyed as a daily ritual
during the Victorian era,
drinking tea is coming
back into vogue

Time for tea, but not from a drive-thru window before heading the car back into traffic as you drive to work or continue errands or chauffeuring children hither and yon.

Tea rooms or houses are all over the country, but are very popular in the South, according to Marian Nelson, the owner of Enchanted Tea Time.

"The drinking of tea is coming back into vogue," said Nelson. "It's a cyclical thing."

Afternoon tea was served about 3 p.m. and high tea was served at 6 p.m. and may have included a meal.

"It isn't the tea, it is the spirit of what is happening," Nelson said.

Tea time was meant to be lighthearted in nature. It was a time to set aside the mundane.

Ladies of the Victorian era wore delicate, lacy, loose-fitting tea gowns.

Women back in the 1800s dressed in their finest, according to Nelson. People always used to dress up and the women wore pearls, if they had them.

Customarily, the lady of the house served tea from ornate silver settings in the drawing room in front of the hearth. The setting was usually formal.

"The royalty, of course, had the finest china and the finest of everything but as it went along and the commoners started partaking of a lot of the same things, they just did with what they had," she said.

"If you were a villager or a farmer, they didn't have their finest to wear but they wore the best they had," she said. "On Sundays they brought out their best pewter tea pots or their best whatever. That's what they did."

"If someone dropped in for tea," she said, "they weren't one bit shy about bringing out whatever they had if someone came to visit," she said. "Even pioneer people -

if someone was coming down the road and it was a certain time of day - they would stop everything and bring them in for whatever they had and it might have just been honey and bread with their tea."

When doing research to start Enchanted Tea Time one year ago, Nelson visited various tea houses and sampled the scones and tea sandwiches served. She read practically every book she could find on etiquette, tea, food, customs, etc.

"I can't afford to have people come to me so I will go to the people," she said. "Even though there is a lot more involved in me packing everything up - the china, the silverware, the linen, all the food - actually it has been quite fun."

So Nelson chose instead to take her tea party to customers' homes. She bakes her own scones, using a recipe she has perfected, and makes her own tea sandwiches with bread she also bakes herself.

A teacher for two decades, Nelson incorporates all the information she gleaned into the program she gives during the tea.

"I had that teaching still in me," she said. "I bought books and read like crazy and learned how to tell people about what they were having and why and making it like a program."

Nelson begins her tea parties with tea sandwiches, then serves scones with Devonshire cream, or whipped cream for dipping the scones, and tea breads. To economize on calories and accommodate today's health-conscious people, she sometimes serves a zucchini carrot fat-free quick bread.

"Although fresh fruits may not have been authentic to a tea, it is authentic me," said Nelson who brings along strawberries, cantaloupe, grapes, or kiwifruit.

"Usually dessert is some big fattening thing," Nelson said, "like a big cream puff filled with chocolate mousse."

Manners during a tea included avoiding political discussions or the airing of family problems. When gossip occurred, it was never mean spirited or harsh.

Rules include not talking all at once but taking turns. Dirty utensils which may have been used for stirring tea, for example, are never laid on the tablecloth.

When in conversation with another person, you look at them, maybe say their name, and talk about personal interests the other person may have, according to Nelson.

Sometimes musicians played quietly in the background during the tea.

Because women dressed in their finest, Nelson has four complete outfits to suit various themes during the year. She also takes various hats in different colors which she has bought from antique stores, auctions, and flea markets which guests to the tea wear. She also explains the history of each of the hats and where they would be appropriate to wear.

"I like to be with people, I like children, I know I couldn't sit at a desk," she said. "I still like to teach."

"What I have found in myself is that I was going at such a pace that I never in my wildest dreams had five minutes to sit down and have a cup of tea, let alone enjoy it," she said.

Nelson's approach has been to help herself find a more serene time and share that with other people.

"In the meantime I can still teach, they can still learn, they can enjoy, I can still bake and experiment, I can sing," she said. "All around it is a good thing for me."

STORY BY CAROL WORKENS • PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Volunteer

Eric Krieger is a trustee on the Novi Public Library Board.

**Krieger eager to
meet the public**By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

As a trustee of the Novi Public Library Eric Krieger is considered to be the building engineering expert.

Appointed to the board in April, Krieger learned a lot about libraries and computers, and how they all come together while he was attending college.

"I hope to apply a lot of this knowledge I have learned and serve as a good library board member," he said.

The five member library board serves as a governing body of the library and meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. usually in the library meeting room. The meetings are open to the public and a section on the agenda is dedicated to audience participation.

"It could be a lot of people don't realize the board is meeting and that it is open to the public," Krieger said of the low atten-

dance. "We would like to get more feedback from the public and find out what they would like to see more of in the library, basically see how they are feeling."

Items on the board's monthly agenda include payment of bills, recommendations from the library administration, and other business matters such as technology in the library, building maintenance and building upgrades.

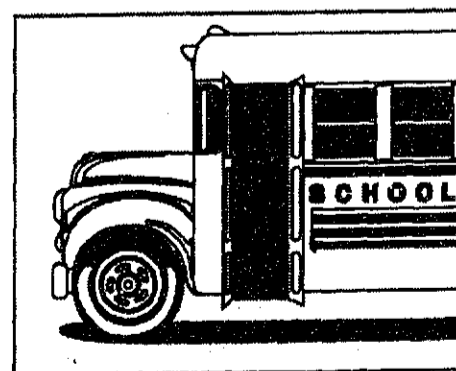
"I think that the library serves as an information source for the community," he said. "The better services the library has, the better informed the public can become."

Eight new computers have recently been acquired for the public to access the Internet.

Internet services may be up and running toward the end of September, according to Krieger.

"Education among other things is very important in a growing

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New Parks and Rec brochure on the racks

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The newest Novi Parks and Recreation brochure features something for everyone and is now being distributed. If you didn't get one in the mail, stop in at the office in the Novi Civic Center and pick one up.

The brochure also carries information regarding the Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure to be built by the community in honor of former City Council Member Tim Pope.

Plans are being made to involve as many people as possible from the community, for such jobs as coordinating or designing special events, fund raising, public relations, organizing workers and securing donated materials. Donations and checks can be made payable to the Tim Pope Memorial Fund.

Children's programs are in the making. On Friday, Oct. 4, there will be a mother-son country hoop spring hoop this year. Tickets for Oct. 4 are now on sale. A limited number of seats available. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Parks and Recreation has its annual Halloween Extravaganza planned for Saturday, Oct. 26 at Lakeshore Park located on South Lake Drive at Walled Lake. Included

will be hayrides, a search for the Great Pumpkin, painting faces, decorating pumpkins, prizes, candy and balloons. There will be a fee of \$5 per car. Pre-registration is not required.

Sunday, Sept. 15, at noon will be Punt, Pass and Kick competition, sponsored locally by Twist and Shake. The event, for children ages 8-15, will take place at Novi Middle School. Registration will be on site. There will be no fee because of sponsorship.

SPRIT OF CHRIST CHURCH

The Spirit of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church will conduct a special program called "I'll Be There" on Sunday, Sept. 15. This is the time of year when new programs are started and everyone is encouraged to participate in the planning. The annual corn roast and fellowship will take place following the morning service.

A new program will be presented that will center around individual time schedules. The new around school year began Sept. 8 and will be at 9 a.m. each Sunday. On Sept. 19 will be a planning committee meeting with special guest building consultant Dick Linde. Linde works with churches to evaluate their location, facilities and resources.

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they wish - with ribbons, flowers, etc. A special prize will be awarded for the most creatively decorated name tag. Also included in the day will be plans formulated for a new pictorial directory with appointments made for Sept. 24 and 25.

The Women of the Spirit of Christ will hold their first meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. A new program will be presented that will center around individual time schedules.

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NOVI SENIOR CENTER

Reservations are being made for the very popular '80th Birthday Extravaganza' on Friday, Oct. 25 at 11:30 a.m. A special luncheon will be held to honor those who

have attained or will be attaining the age of 80 years. The cost will be \$3 per person for those under the age of 80. Reservations are necessary. Call 347-0414.

September calendars are on the brochure stand so plan to pick one up and see what's cooking for the month. Nutritional lunches for a minimum contribution of \$2 are available at the center with a number of menu items from baked chicken to Swiss steak. If you've never gone before, plan to ask a friend out to lunch or bring a neighbor. If transportation is a problem, call 347-0414 for information on getting a ride on the special senior van.

Ongoing programs are: cards and crafts, Bingo, oil painting, Duplicate Bridge, a Pinochle tournament, clogging, line dancing, Bridge and much more. If you like bowling, call in and find out more about that project.

The Bookmobile will be at the center Sept. 18. Take out books and return them without making a separate trip to the library. Many special programs are planned. One is called "You're in Charge - Humor." The following week,

"Learning Memory" will be the program and one called "Nutrition and Exercise" is coming up. Legal aid will be available at the center Sept. 24, but appointments are advisable. This month is also commodity food distribution month. Call the center to see if you are eligible.

NOVI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August was a busy month for the Chamber. Activities included the 9th annual Tycoon Tee-off four person scramble golf outing at Tanglewood Golf Club - which was very successful. In charge of the day was Pat Webb, past chairman of the board and committee members Scott Forrester, Howard Blewasi, Gary Weinstein and Dan Grady.

Congratulations are in order for this year's winning team: the Gary Weinstein team. Blair Bowman hit the men's longest drive and also the men's closest to the pin. Pauline Bery won a set of golf clubs; second place winner, Steve Faine, won the trip to Grand Traverse Resort.

Also included in August was the Chamber's hosting of the "Second Annual Art Avenues" art festival; a membership luncheon with Congressman Joe Knollenberg; and the "Business After Hours" at

Botsford with Chef Larry Jones. Tuesday, Sept. 17 will be a general membership luncheon meeting featuring guest speaker, M. Peter McPherson, president of Michigan State University. His presentation will address reforms and initiatives underway at the university and the current momentum on campus. Advance reservations are requested for both members and non-members by calling the chamber office.

The Chamber and the Detroit Institute of Arts will participate in the third annual croquet match at Detroit's River Place Athletic and Croquet Club. This event will take place sometime this month.

The 11th annual "Taste of Novi" is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 1 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Novi Hilton. Many area restaurants and hotels will be offering samples of their specialties for those in attendance. In addition, there will be a business showcase in which members will set up table top displays. The displays will be available for viewing at 4 p.m. with dinner at 5. For more information, call 349-3473.

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

Church Notes

The new fall worship service times are 9 and 11 a.m. at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile Road. The Youth Club will begin on Sept. 18 at 4:15 p.m. for grades four through six and at 5 p.m. for grades seven through 12.

New member classes will begin on Sept. 15. For more information, call the church at (810) 349-1144.

Anointing of the Sick will be on Saturday, Sept. 28, at **OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH**, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville. Confessions will be at 10 a.m., followed by Mass at 11 a.m. There is a noon luncheon and fellowship after the Mass.

All baptized Catholics are invited to this celebration of the Sacrament of the Healing of the Sick.

The Hot and Hungry food drive at the **CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, brought in a record amount of food which will feed more than 700 people for one week through the Society of St. Vincent DePaul.

Members and visitors alike at **SPRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 40700 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will be saying "I'll Be There," on Sunday, Sept. 15, when plans for the day include a Celebration Service with special music and a great message followed by the Annual Fall Corn Roast and Potluck on the church grounds.

Women of all ages are invited to the fall meeting of Sisters in Spirit set for Tuesday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 p.m. The fall schedule for Sunday Church School at 9 a.m. and Worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday. An informal alternative service is offered every Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (810) 477-6296.

Send church information to The Northville Record and The Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

Still time to get lecture tickets

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

The Northville Town Hall Series 36th season begins on Monday, Oct. 21, with the founding editor-in-chief of the Children's Television Workshop's Products Group, Christopher Cerf.

Town Hall is sponsored by Our Lady's League at Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. Proceeds from the lecture series are used for charitable purposes.

All four of the programs in the series begin with a lecture at 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 North Laurel Park Drive in Livonia, followed by a luncheon.

Cerf, who is also an author, record and television producer, editor, composer, and lyricist, among other things, played a pivotal role in the ongoing funding of the Sesame Street television show. He resigned his full-time position in 1977 to run his own company. He is still a regular contributor of music and lyrics to the show. In the process, he has collected two Grammy awards, and back-to-back Emmys for his songwriting.

For all his success, Cerf is perhaps best known as a humorist. In 1970, he helped launch the most influential of recent humor magazines, *The National Lampoon*. His most recent book, *The Official Politically Correct Dictionary*, is an international best seller.

Town Hall's second speaker of the season will be attorney Sharon McPhail on Nov. 18.

McPhail is the first woman to have won a primary election for Mayor of Detroit. She was admitted to the Michigan Bar after graduating from Northeastern Law School in 1976. She has been on the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners and served as the division chief of Screening and District Courts for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

In January of 1995, McPhail went into private practice where her career encompasses many diverse areas of law. She also served as staff counsel to Ford Motor Co. and as assistant United States attorney in the Detroit U.S. Attorney's Office.

Dr. David L. Sneed, superintendent of the Detroit Schools. They are parents of five children.

Following McPhail, after a break for the Christmas holidays, will be Women's Day editor-in-chief and vice president Jane Chrestnutt on March 10.

Chrestnutt was named editor-in-chief in 1991 of the magazine which has an estimated readership of 22 million per issue.

Chrestnutt joined *Woman's Day* as an assistant editor in 1978 and then took on the responsibility for beauty coverage, and was named beauty, fashion and health director in 1989. In 1992, she was named one of Adweek's Editors of the Year. Chrestnutt was selected to participate in the 1993-95 Leadership New York Program and she is on the Business Advisory Council of Washington Irving High School in New York City and heads the mentoring committee of Women in Communications Inc.

Week with David Brinkley and Good Morning America.

Bruno joined ABC News in 1978 after 18 years with Newsweek magazine where he had been a reporter, foreign correspondent, bureau chief, news editor and chief political correspondent. He has covered presidential elections since 1960 and has specialized in national politics since 1971. He was the moderator of the 1992 vice presidential debate.

Bruno is also a nationally recognized authority on fire safety, writes a monthly column for Firehouse magazine and served many years as a volunteer firefighter. He is a director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Fire Chryse (Md.) Fire Department.

In 1995, he was named "Fire Service Person of the Year" by the Congressional Fire Services Institute. Tickets for the 1996-97 season are at sale now. The Gold Patron income in program, lecture and luncheon ticket is \$100. Contributing member (name in program) is \$25. Sustaining Member (name in program) is \$15. Season Lecture and Luncheon are \$90. Season Lecture only is \$40 and individual luncheons are \$15. For more information regarding The Northville Town Hall Series for 1995-96, call the ticket and luncheon chairperson, Carmen Kucklenbocker, at (810) 349-7227. To order, mail check and detailed information to Northville Town Hall-Tickets, P.O. Box 93, Northville, MI 48167-0093.

Indian cooking class offered

Sunetra Humbad returns to the Novi Community Education program to teach an Indian cooking class beginning Sept. 17. Humbad


is the author of *Indian Vegetarian Cooking at Your House*. Humbad has also taught in Boston and Northville.

CHURCH DIRECTORY	HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
For information regarding rates for church findings call The Northville Record at Novi News 349-1700	Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11 am Sunday School 9:45 am Wednesday: 7pm (Sept 6-17) 3929 W. Weaver Rd Farmington Hills (810) 353-7172
WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 309 Maple St. 2483 (behind First America Bank of Pontiac, 3rd fl) Ward 10:30 am. Morning Bible Study Sunday School 9:45 am 11:30 am. Nursery. Baptism Nursery Available. All Welcome	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Warren St. 349-2911 Worship & Church School 9:30 & 11:00 am Children's Activities at 9:30 & 11:00 am New James Busch, Minister of Evangelism & Spirit Kemper Stephens, Pastor of Youth & Church School
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GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wagon for Lutheran Service Sunday Worship 8 am & 10:30 am David A. Guenther, Pastor. 349-0565 9:15 am. Sunday School & Bible Class Wed. 7pm. Lenten Vespers Service 348-5000	FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH 26255 Meadowbrook Rd at 11 Mile Farmington Hills, Michigan Services every Sunday at 10:30 am Also First and Second Services at 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Bible Class: Sunday - 7:30 pm Song Services: Last Sunday of month - 7:00 pm
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NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY 4335 Se Mass Road Northville 349-9000 Sunday School: 9 am, 10:15 am & 6 am Pastor: Orla S. Schuch, Sr. Pastor Northville Christian School Preschool & K-8 348-0000	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 349-1144 9 Mile & Tott Road Worship Services & Sunday School 9:30 & 11:00 am Nursery/Youth services (year round) Summer Worship: 8:30, 10:00 (Luther Labor Day) Summer Sunday School 12:00 (K thru 3rd grade) Dr. Douglas W. Warner, "The Word" & Deacon Rev. Arthur L. Spoford
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ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd Novi, MI 48374 Sunday 8:30 am Saturday 9:00 am Pastor: Rev. James J. Capps, Pastor Parish Office: 349-7770	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wagon - 3rd Street - Sports Center Sunday Worship: 9:30 am, 11:00 am, & 6:30 pm Wed Prayer Service 7:30 pm Bible Study 1:00 pm Sunday School 9:30 am
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48375 Worship: Sun 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 11:15 am & 6:45 am, 10:30 am, 11:15 am Holy Days: Vespers, Bible Study Father Andrew Tomaszak, Pastor Parish Office: 349-8887	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21240 Haggerty, Northville 348-7600 (between 18 & 19 Mile Rd. near Novi Hill) Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm (nursery provided) Dr. Carl M. Latta, Pastor
VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD) NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL On lot for new 11 Mile Road 349-2669 Sunday Worship & School at 11:15 am	SPRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A. Ten Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook Sat. 5:30 am, Sun. 10:00 am Pastor Tom Schaefer - 477-6296
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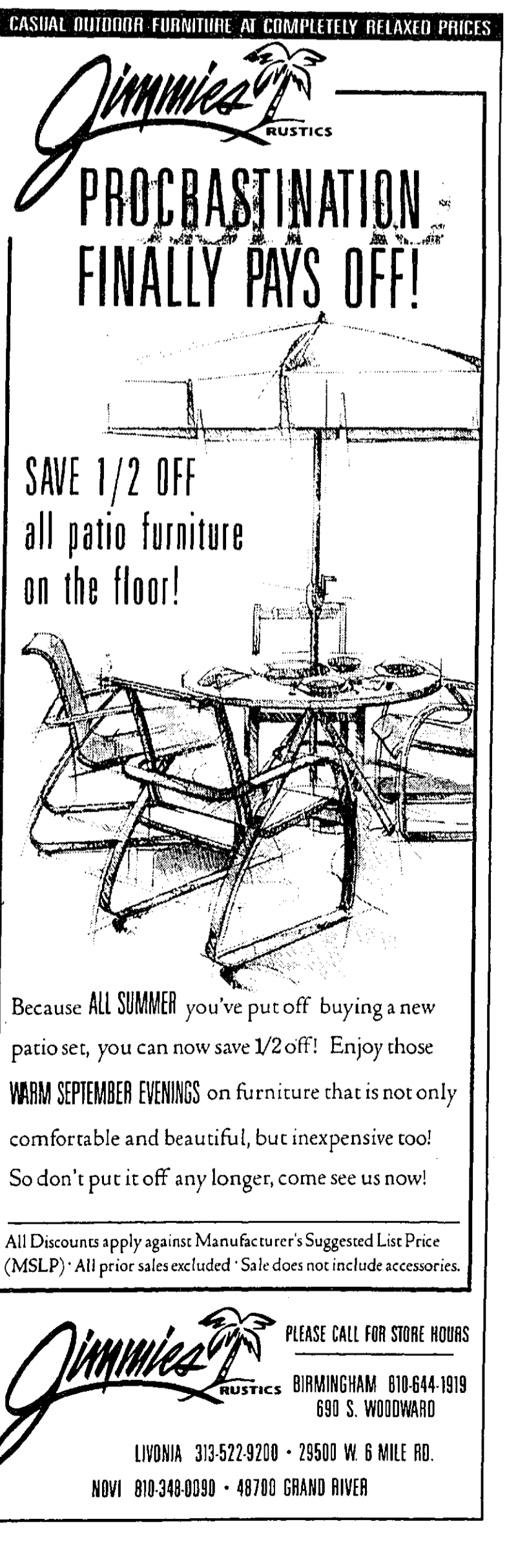


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Trustee knows his way around a library

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An electrical engineer at Ford Motor Company in vehicle operations, Krieger received a master's degree in engineering - electrical engineering from the University of Michigan in Dearborn in December, 1995. In 1992, he received a bachelor of science in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University. A resident of

Novi, Krieger is a 1988 graduate of Northville High School. Krieger is a member of Eta Kappa Nu and served as the electrical engineering honorary society's president and student government representative in 1992. Other Novi Public Library Board Trustees are Jim Evershine, president; John Chambers, vice president; Myrtle Locke, secretary; and Andrew Mutch, treasurer.



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Mystery play at Raven

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

The Northville Players have teamed up with Dore Productions and The Raven Gallery to present this year's Victorian Festival performance, entitled "Ebenezer's Birthday Party" on Sept. 13, 14 and 15.

The seven performances will include either an ala carte, full Victorian dinner or brunch buffet. "We've always presented a melodrama at the Victorian Festival," said Dan Boyle, the president of Northville Players. "Audiences have always enjoyed participating - cheering for the hero and booing the villain - so this year we decided to try something new, with even more audience participation. The audience is not just watching the play, they're actually part of it."

The interactive murder mystery takes place at Ebenezer Whiffler's birthday party. As guests at the party, audience members are privy to conversations between Ebenezer's sister, private secretary and nephew and will have an opportunity to guess "who dunnit."

"Russ Dore, who operates Dore Productions, actually helped start the Northville Players," Boyle said. Many of the Northville Players have performed with Dore for private and corporate parties.

"We've enjoyed working with Russ over the years and are excited about this year's new production," Doyle said.

After hearing that Tom Rice had converted the former Open Door Christian Church into a theater, Boyle asked Rice about the possibility of performing there.

"He was very receptive," Boyle said.

"I've done a little amateur theater myself, so I was happy to work with the Northville Players," Rice said. "They've got a great following in the community and this



John Bullington (from left), Judy Kohl and Greg Spinazze give seven performances.

made a perfect addition to our first season."

Rich Wilkerer, owner, chef, and general manager of the Raven Gallery Cafe, has prepared a turn-of-the-century Victorian meal including roast chicken with mashed potatoes and gravy and carved roast beef. Sunday's brunch includes fresh fruit, eggs Benedict, and casseroles such as asparagus and chicken. Servers at all the performances will be dressed in Victorian costumes.

Performances on Friday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 14, at 1 and 3 p.m. feature a light ala carte menu at \$5 for

adults and \$3 for children under 12 years of age. The evening show on Saturday at 5 and 8 p.m. featuring the full Victorian dinner are \$25 for adults and \$12.50 for children. Sunday's noon and 1:30 p.m. shows include a brunch at \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. "Gibson the Troubadour" will sing sea shanties and tell tales of yore at 10 p.m., following the last show on Saturday. The cost is \$8.

Call The Raven Gallery for more information or reservations at 349-9420. The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

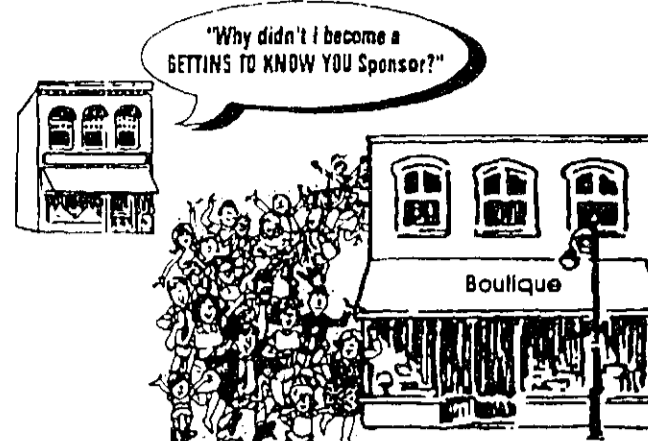
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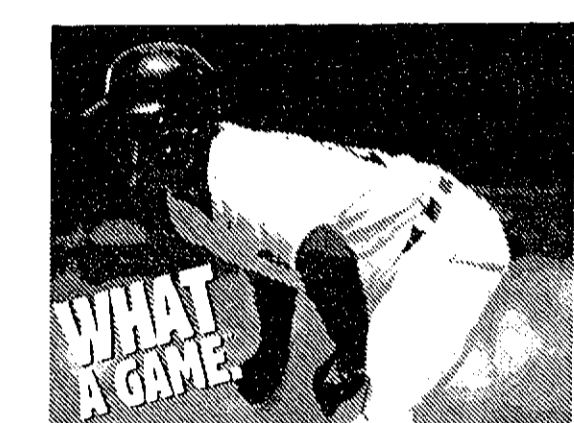
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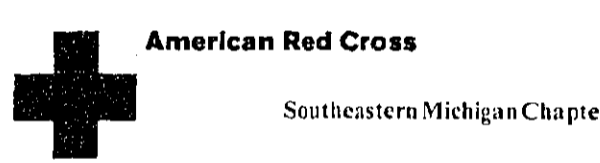
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Oh what a tangled web she weaves

In the current movie by the same name, "Emma" (Gwyneth Paltrow) is pretty, clever and just a little self-satisfied and lives in style with her widowed father in the small town of Highbury.

When her beloved governess, friend and confidante Miss Taylor (Greta Scacchi) leaves to marry their neighbor Mr. Weston (James Cosmo), Emma is faced with a great gap in her life — and a great dilemma: how to help others lead a life as perfect as her own.

She turns to matchmaking and takes under her wing Harriet Smith (Fiona Collie), a simple young woman who is not quite up to the mark in society. Unintended, Emma senses good material here and sets about finding Harriet a "suitable" husband.

Harriet is delighted to entrust her future to the self-appointed matchmaker, and is persuaded to break off her "understanding" with local farmer Robert Martin (Edward Woodall), whom Emma considers beneath Harriet. This interference greatly annoys Emma's brother-in-law, Mr. Knightley (Jeremy Northam).

Emma now sets out to match Harriet with the young vicar Mr. Elton (Alan Cumming), only to find to her horror that the calculating cleric aspires to a better target — Emma herself.

The would-be matchmaker extricates herself from this embarrassment and the rejected Reverend settles instead for matrimony with a snobbish lady of independent means.

The next unwitting candidate for Emma's matchmaking schemes is Frank Churchill (Ewan McGregor), Mr. Weston's son by a former marriage. But Emma's best efforts are dashed when it is learned that Frank is secretly engaged to Miss Jane Fairfax (Polly Walker), who is staying in the neighborhood with her aunt, Miss Bates, and that good but chatty lady's mother, Mrs. Bates (Jillida Law).

The unfortunate and unmatched Harriet has by now developed an affection for Mr. Knightley, from whom she believes she has received signs of encouragement. This is particularly embarrassing for Emma, whose humiliation is heightened when she begins to suspect that Harriet may indeed be replacing her in Knightley's affections.

But not for the first time, Emma is wrong. It is Knightley who finally unravels the tangled triangle in quite an unexpected fashion. He

proposes to Emma, who realizes she has been in love with him the whole time. And Harriet happily ends up where she should have been in the first place — with Mr. Martin.

This romantic comedy marks the directorial debut of writer Douglas McGrath. McGrath co-wrote the Academy Award-nominated screenplay for *Batman: The Movie* with Woody Allen, and has adapted Austen's satirical novel for the screen. Emma is produced by Patrick Cassavetti and Steven Haft and executive produced by Bob Weinstein, Harvey Weinstein and Donna Gigliotti.

Jane Austen's *Emma* first appeared in 1816, the year before the author's death. It is the fourth of Austen's six novels and is generally regarded as the most accomplished. It is a romantic comedy which has as many laughs as it has manners.

"Imagine someone who has never been on a horse trying to teach someone else to ride — that's Emma," says McGrath.

"As a matchmaker she's a disaster because she hasn't realized her own romantic yearnings. That's what makes it so funny. And even though she does the wrong thing, it's for the right motives. That's why it's also so poignant."



Emma Woodhouse, a self-appointed matchmaker played by Gwyneth Paltrow (l.), decides to help Toni Collette, who plays Harriet Smith, find a suitable husband in Douglas McGrath's "Emma."



Gwyneth Paltrow and Jeremy Northam share a dance together in Douglas McGrath's "Emma," a Miramax Films Release.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

MARQUIS THEATRE: Performance dates and times for the classic tale *Rapunzel* are Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 13; Saturday and Sunday performances are at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 14, 15, 21, 22 and 29. Tickets are \$5.50 for all performances. No children younger than three and a half will be admitted. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street. For details call (810) 349-8110.

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THEATER

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: Soupy Sales returns on Friday, Sept. 13 at 7 and 8:45 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 14 at 6 and 8:30 p.m.

Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville. For details, call (810) 349-0522.

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILL: Classic Productions presents a variety of entertainment at Timbers, the home of Bananas Comedy Club, 40380 Grand River west of Haggerty Road in Novi, on Friday and Saturday.

Upcoming performances include The Gaylords on Sept. 20 and 21; Soupy Sales, Johnny Ginger and Mary Welch Show on Sept. 27 and 28; Gabe Kaplan on Oct. 4 and 5; and Gabe Kaplan on Oct. 12 and 13. For details, call (313) 724-1300.

MUSIC

THE RAVEN GALLERY & ACOUSTIC CAFE: The Raven will present all acoustic music, string

instruments, horns and some jazz on Friday and Saturday evenings. Dinner seatings are at 6 and 9:30 p.m.

Upcoming concerts include Streetlights on Sept. 12. The Northville Players present "A Victorian Murder Mystery" on Sept. 13, 14 and 15; "Gibson the Troubadour" on Sept. 13 at 10 p.m.; and the Grand Opening Reception Concert featuring Josh White Jr., Dean Rutledge, Ron Coden, Charlie Latimer, Phil Marcus Esser and Barbara Bredius takes place on Sept. 20 and 21.

The Northville is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

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

Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi. For details, call (810) 305-5856.

COUNTRY EPICURE RESTAURANT: Freshly redecorated in bright, happy colors, the restaurant offers two non-smoking dining rooms and a smoking dining/lounge area.

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Reservations are suggested on the weekends.

For details or reservations, call (810) 380-0011.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. For details, call 349-9110.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents light jazz on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday performances are 8:30 to 11

p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For details, call 305-8629.

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

The cafe is located at 110 Main Centre in downtown Northville. Call 344-0220 for details.

STARTING GATE: The Starting Gate Saloon offers live music every Friday and Saturday night from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

The Starting Gate is located at 135 N. Center St. in downtown Northville.

SUNSET GRILL: Every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. the Sunset Grill has an open blues jam. Rock 'n' roll is featured on Saturdays during the summer from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

The Sunset Grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads. For details, call (810) 624-8475.

ART

ART SOURCE: Hand colored photographs by Kathleen Thompson will be on display at Art Source, 126 Main Centre Building in Northville through Sept. 21. A meet the artist public reception will be take place Thursday, Sept. 12, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m.

Art Source hours are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m. until 9 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. During the Victorian Festival, Art Source will be open on Sunday.

For details, call (810) 348-1213.

D&M ART STUDIO: The studio features a variety of artists either working and/or exhibiting pieces including watercolor, acrylics, pottery and black and white prints.

Upcoming exhibits include Chicago artist Dwight Owen Kalb on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 5 and 6.

The gallery is located at 43450 Grand River in Novi. Hours are 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and Sunday noon until 4 p.m. For details, call 380-7059.

DANCING EYE GALLERY: Meet jewelry artist Ann McGreggor during a one day exhibit at The Dancing Eye Gallery on Saturday, Sept. 14, from noon until 5 p.m.

The gallery is located at 150 N. Center Street, Suite A, behind Tuscan Cafe in Northville. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.; Friday from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m.; Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

For details, call (810) 449-7086.

ATRIUM GALLERY: The gallery is featuring the raku firing and pit firing clay works of 12 artists including Jan Jacque, Audrey Dimarco, Ann Fisher, Kevin Kelley, Karen McDevitt and Ed Risak.

Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday by appointment.

For more information, call (810) 349-4151.

PAINTER'S PLACE: New watercolor paintings representing work done on location in France, Germany and Austria during the last three years are now on display.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. or by appointment.

The gallery is located at 140 N. Center Street in Northville.

Call 348-9544 for more information.

NEARBY

STANDARD FLOWER SHOW: The Livonia Garden Club and the Livonia Historical Commission are co-sponsoring "What a Life" on Sept. 14, from 2 until 6 p.m. and on Sept. 15, from noon until 4 p.m. at the Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh Road just east of I-275.

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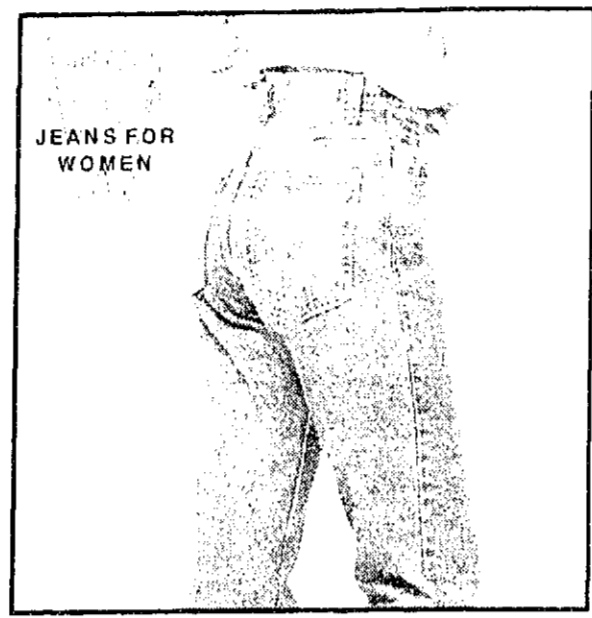
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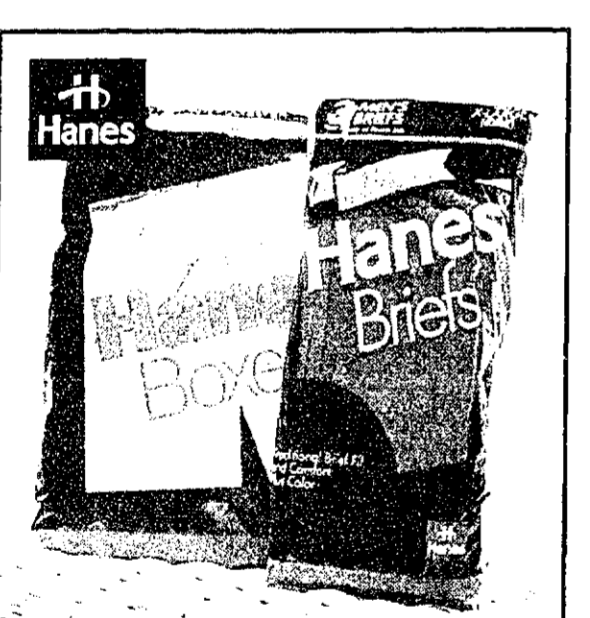
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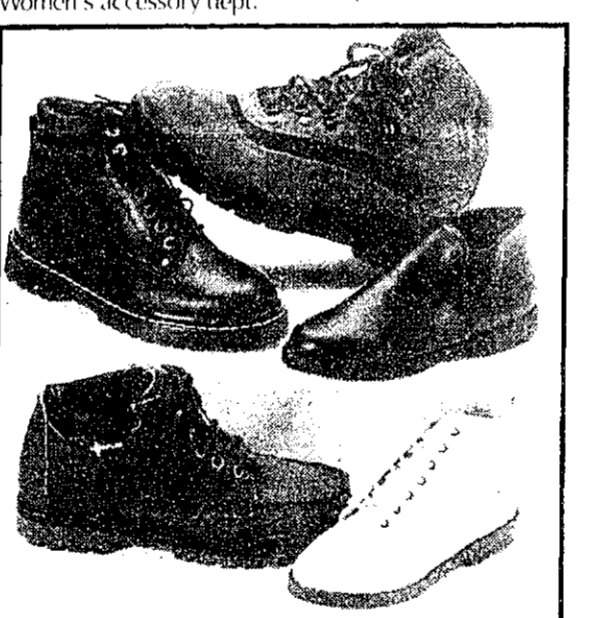
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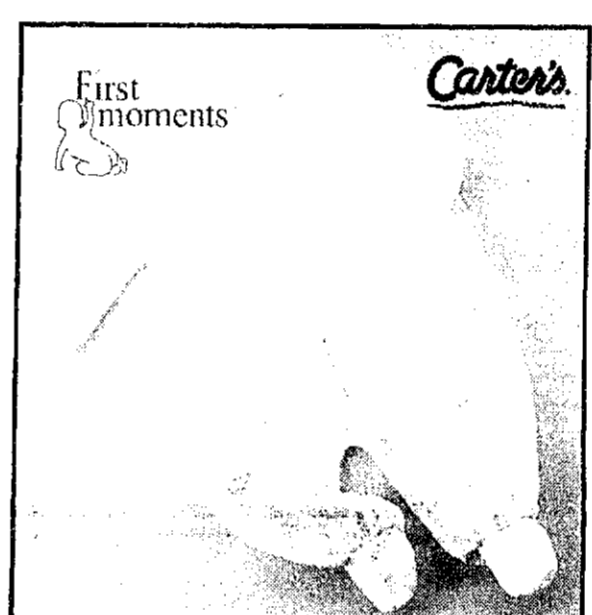
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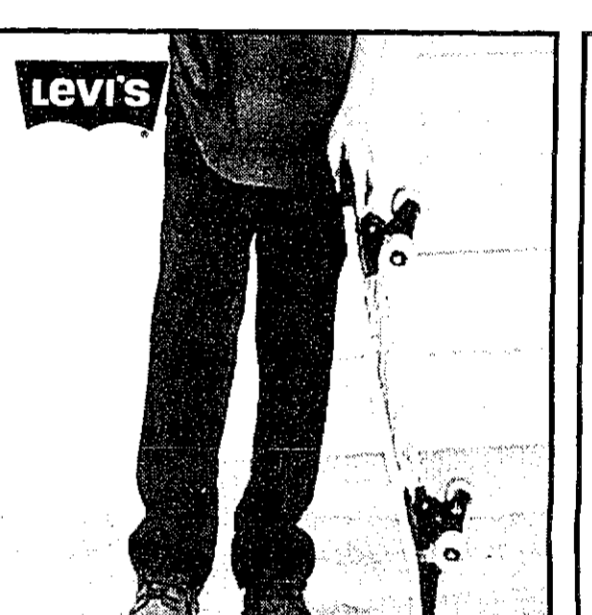
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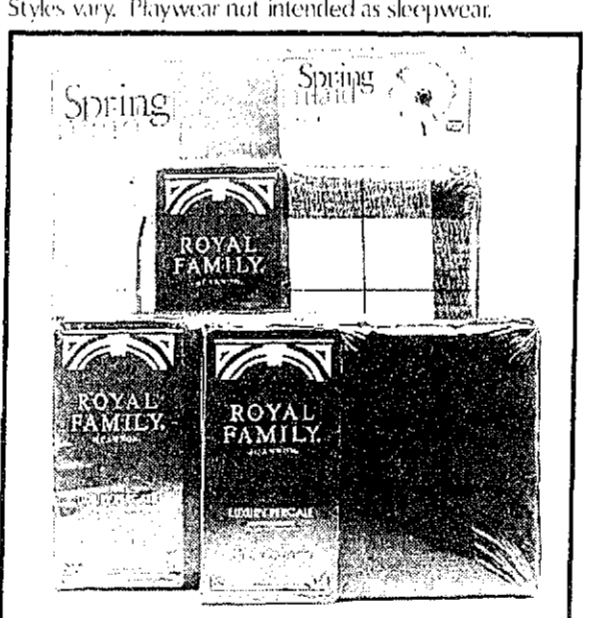
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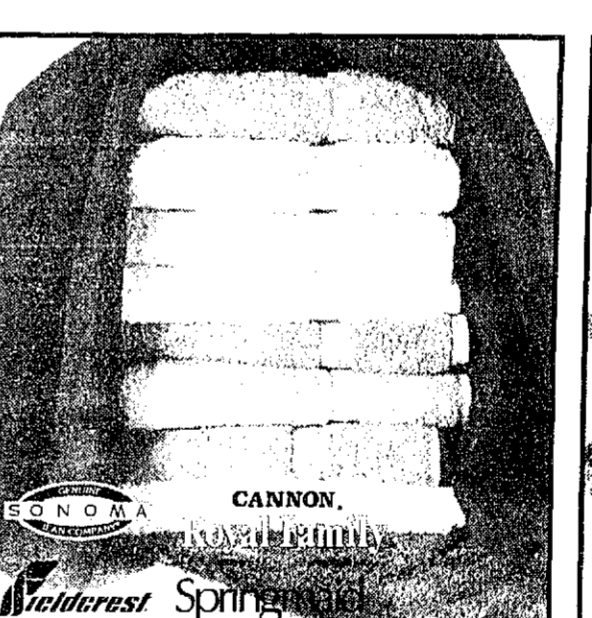
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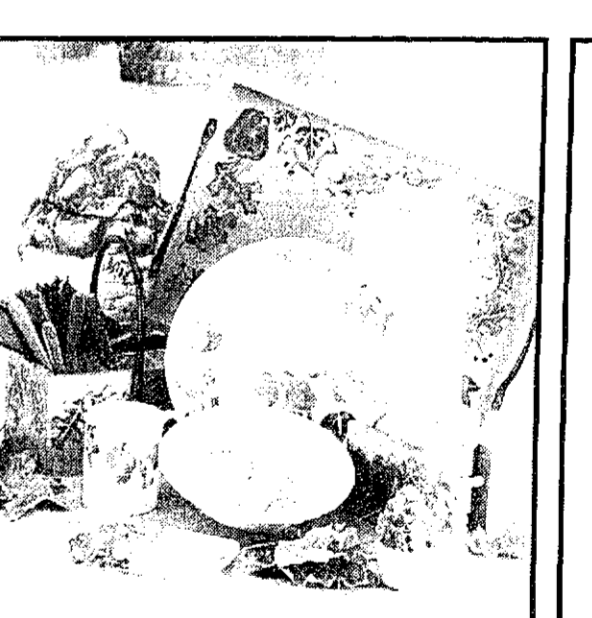
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 SWF, 20, 5'5", 150lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, loves sports, outdoors, children, partying, conversation, seeking SM. Ad# 1974

PLEASE CALL
 SWF, 21, caring, enjoys swimming, running, hiking, seeks SM. Ad# 9874

INTEREST YOU?
 SWF, 21, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, writing, poetry, music, seeking SM, 22-30, for an honest, special relationship. Ad# 1121

GUIDED BY GOD
 SWF, 22, calm, relaxed, happy, enjoys bowling, roller-skating, camping, walks, seeks totally honest, caring, compassionate SM. Ad# 5555

SEES KID TEDDY BEAR
 SWF, 22, 5'7", blue-eyed blonde, full-figured, loves animals, children, going out and playing, home, seeking romantic, humorous SM, who enjoys cuddling, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 4985

LOOKING FOR A
 SWF, 22, 5'5", 115lbs, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, nightclubs, staying home, seeking honest, sincere SM, 22-30, marriage-minded. Ad# 7357

SOUND COMPATIBLE?
 SWF, 24, 5'7", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys camping, outdoor activities, animals, art, seeking SM. Ad# 7140

LET'S GET TOGETHER
 Professional SWF, 24, 5'5", 120lbs, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys camping, horseback riding, movies, seeks professional, sweet, kind, caring SM. Ad# 2432

CHRISTIAN REFORMED
 Humorous SWF, 25, enjoys singing, the arts, seeks outgoing, aggressive, goal-oriented SM. Ad# 2971

LIKES ANIMALS
 SWF, 27, 5'3", dark hair, green eyes, enjoys, looking for SM, to share a variety of interests. Friendship first. Ad# 6130

TIRED OF NO FUN
 Blue-eyed DW, 28, 6'1", 170lbs, brown hair, brown eyes, dog/cathome owner, seeking SM, 28-38, for conversation, friendship, laughter. Ad# 8941

CULTURED
 SWF, 28, 5'8", brown hair, green eyes, professional, new to area, enjoys reading, travel, dining out, seeking SM, who loves to laugh. Ad# 4353

WICKED SENSE OF HUMOR?
 Artistic, creative, compassionate, romantic SWF, 40, 5'9", slender, reddish hair, blue eyes, seeking outgoing, funny, compassionate, kind SM, with a deep soul for relationship. Ad# 4233

LIVINGSTON COUNTY
 DW, 40, 5'7", average figure, blonde, spontaneous, creative, affectionate, enjoys boating, roller skating, window shopping, antiquing, bowling, seeks DW/SM, fun, fun, companionship, maybe more. Ad# 4655

BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?
 SWF, 40, 5'5", 125lbs, loves to travel, looking for tender-hearted, loving, professional, financially secure M, 40s, with love of animals, sound moral values, honesty. Ad# 4041

SHARE FUN TIMES
 Green-eyed SWF, 40, 5'5", tall, lit, attractive, NS, enjoys music, dancing, being, family outings, seeking attractive, caring DW. Ad# 8626

FEELS LIKE TWENTY-THREE?
 SWF, 42, 5'2", sandy-blond hair, hazel/blue eyes, petite, attractive, down-to-earth, open-minded, enjoys music, dancing, sitz, going out, outdoors, animals, seeking generous, compassionate SM, for companionship, maybe more. Ad# 5373

AVERAGE NICE GUY?
 DW, 42, average looking, professional, enjoys walks, boating, being, quiet nights at home, seeking fun SM, for companionship. Ad# 3267

DEDICATED CHRISTIAN
 Warm, humorous, positive SWF, 44, hobbies include tennis, reading, walking her dog, church, seeks loyal, truthful, compassionate SM. Ad# 5571

INTO COUNTRY MUSIC?
 Loving, domestic, loyal SWF, 44, college student, enjoys long talks, picnics, kids, seeks big, cuddly SM, for romance, no games. Ad# 2001

LET'S DO COFFEE!
 Outgoing SWF, 44, 5', average-looking, enjoys movies, music, dining out, nature, reading, walks, camping, interests, seeks honest SM, for friendship. Ad# 5122

LIKES ANTIQUE CARS
 SWF, 44, 5'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, NS, easygoing, no children, likes dancing, seeks SWF, similar interests. Ad# 9891

WILLING TO LISTEN?
 SWF, 44, 5'2", outgoing, fun-loving, enjoys reading, work, camping, walking, seeking honest, sincere, fun-loving, romantic SM. Ad# 7851

SENSE OF HUMOR
 SWF, 46, 5'8", reddish-blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, music, seeks nice, sensitive, rugged, humorous SM, for possible relationship. Ad# 4741

NOT DESPERATE
 WWF, 47, 5'10", medium-build, blonde hair, blue eyes, employed, secure, likes music, nature, seeking SM, 50-65, open-minded, romantic. Ad# 9606

GOOD TIMES
 D/m, 49, easygoing, sweet, likes kids, animals, dancing, swimming, boating, camping, movies, seeking honest, fun-loving, non-drinking SM. Ad# 8205

ROUND GRANDMA
 DW, 49, 5'3", 125lbs, smoker, non-drinker, easygoing, fun, seeking tall, handsome, trim SM, 40-50, who likes children & family gatherings. Ad# 7777

LET'S HAVE COFFEE!
 Humorous, easygoing SWF, 50, loves dancing, music, travel, children, seeking SM. Ad# 1231

PROMISE KEPTER WANTED
 WWF, 50, 5'6", medium-build, practicing Catholic, NS, enjoys walking, dining out, concerts, museums, skiing, gardening, animals, cooking, seeks SM, 45-62, similar interest. Ad# 2816

ROMANTIC BLONDE
 Energetic, adventurous, open-minded SWF, 52, 5'1", 155lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, nature, travel, children, pets, concerts, dancing, hockey, rare cars, outdoors, seeks NS, honest SM, for a monogamous, committed relationship. Ad# 2141

GET IN TOUCH
 Honest, fun-loving SWF, 54, enjoys arts, crafts, seeks sincere SM, to share quality time. Ad# 2187

HATES HEIGHTS
 DW, 56, NS, non-drinker, employed, enjoys walking, fishing, country rides, seeks SCM, 50-60, Ad# 1723

BIG-HEARTED
 DW, 34, 5'11", 109lbs, dark hair, NS, social drinker, enjoys auto racing, sports, has son, camping, diving, horseback riding, home life, seeking active, fun-loving SM, NS. Ad# 8443

SEEKING A PAL
 SWF, 35, attractive, honest, affectionate, active, likes nature, church, music, concerts, hiking, seeking healthy, active SM, who likes working out, pets, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 8443

WELL-VERSED!
 SWF, 35, intense, humorous, enjoys telling jokes, reading, music, astrology, spiritual pursuits, seeks honest, responsible SM. Ad# 1027

HOW ABOUT ME?
 Fun-loving, outgoing SWF, 38, Methodist, enjoys reading, music, roller skating, walking, swimming, seeks intelligent, professional SM. Ad# 9556

DEDICATED TO FAITH...
 Kind, gentle, honest, fun-loving SWF, 38, enjoys Christian concerts, camping, fishing, time with children, seeks trustworthy, honest, devoted SM. Ad# 9263

LUST LIKES TO HAVE FUN
 Never-married, childless SWF, 37, tall, light brown hair, blue eyes, likes movies, comedy, music, sports, golf, seeking SM. Ad# 6653

VIEW TO THE AREA
 Blue-eyed SWF, 37, 5'10", blonde, full-figured, NS, enjoys country music, seeking SM. Ad# 1976

TRYING NEW THINGS
 SWF, 38, 5'6", hardworking, warm-hearted, NS, enjoys nature, theatre, children, seeking healthy, adventurous, considerate SM. NS. Ad# 9876

OWNS A HORSE FARM
 Physically fit DW, 39, 5'8", 110lbs, long blonde hair, green eyes, likes dancing, music, kids, trucks, travel, camping, hay rides, horses, freerides, movies, live sports, beaches, seeking secure, fit SM, 6+, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 9556

RAISED IN THE COUNTRY
 Pretty SWF, 39, 5'2", dark blonde hair, green eyes, glasses, humorous, honest, open-minded, medical assistant, likes animals, cars, music, camping, outdoors, TV, outdoor, dining, seeking honest, humorous SM. Ad# 1213

AMBITIOUS
 SWF, 40, tall, fitured, brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, employed, enjoys the outdoors, dining out, movies, traveling, music, seeks nice, caring SM, 39+ Ad# 4363

LIVES IN HOWELL
 SWF, 24, 6', 165lbs, black hair, blue eyes, enjoys outdoors, sports, pool, darts, seeking honest, sincere SM, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 1571

HAS A WILD SIDE
 Spontaneous SWM, 24, enjoys outdoor activities, sports, hunting, fishing, rollerblading, seeks smart, outgoing, impulsive SF, who likes to have fun. Ad# 2361

SPIRITUALITY RUNS DEEP
 SWM, 25, kind, sincere, romantic, enjoys the outdoors, photography, poetry, seeks honest, committed DW/SF. Ad# 1231

GOOD CONVERSATIONALIST
 Easygoing, bubbly SWM, 25, loves music, singing, playing drums, seeking gentle, sweet SF, with beautiful eyes, who knows what she wants. Ad# 8286

SOUND LIKE YOU?
 SWM, 25, enjoys outdoor activities, seeking goal-oriented, open-minded, proud, marriage-minded, health-conscious SF. Ad# 2188

A FIRST MEETING
 Humorous, easygoing SW, 26, Lutharian, enjoys barbeques, fishing, stock car racing, long walks, seeks easygoing SF. Ad# 4555

MIGHT WORK WEEKENDS
 SWM, 27, 5'8", 145lbs, smoker, social drinker, carpenter, enjoys biking, camping, movies, seeking smoking SF, 25-35, kids ok. Ad# 1428

QUIET STARTER
 Athletic SWM, 27, calm, enjoys jogging, Christian concerts, lifting weights, mountain biking, seeks spiritual, sincere, truthful, old-fashioned SF, for fun. Ad# 1141

NEW TO THE AREA
 Green-eyed SWM, 27, 5'8", brown hair, auto mechanic, loves outdoors, camping, hiking, fishing, movies, dining out, seeking SF, for a friend. Ad# 4445

ACTIVE BUT ROMANTIC
 SWM, 27, 6', brown hair/eyes, enjoys biking, rollerblading, tennis, racquetball, dining, dancing, movies, comic clubs, trips, cooking, seeking serious, fun SF, for dating, possible relationship. Ad# 4131

LET'S GIVE IT A TRY
 DW, 28, 6', 160lbs, likes new experiences, open-minded, seeks sensitive, honest, caring, independent SF. Ad# 4110

KIDS ARE INCLUDED
 DW, 28, 28, 6'2", medium build, blue-eyed blond, professional, enjoys sunrises and sunsets, evening walks, holding hands, long talks, seeking SF to treat special. Ad# 4131

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 SW, 28, 140lbs, brown hair, green eyes, mustache, likes the late 60s, outdoors, fun, seeking small SF, with similar interests, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 2869

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LOVE FOR LIFE
 Easygoing, kind of shy SWM, 29, Lutharian, enjoys auto racing, sports, hunting, the outdoors, seeks fun, loving SF. Ad# 5546

INTERESTS VARY
 Lutharian SWM, 29, outgoing, humorous, happy, enjoys golf, skiing, fishing, snowboarding, reading, walking, hiking, camping, the beach, Ad# 1273

ANSWERS ALL CALLS
 SWM, 30, college graduate, clean-cut, never married, college graduate, humorous, enjoys sailing, roller skating, dining, seeking SM, 25-35, for possible relationship. Ad# 4639

LIVEN UP HIS SOUL
 Outgoing SWM, 30, enjoys the outdoors, sports, traveling & more, seeks fun-loving, honest SF, to share good times with. Ad# 1111

LET'S LOVE
 SWM, 30, 5'8", 165lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, attractive, intelligent, enjoys soccer, tennis, the outdoors, music, reading, seeks intelligent, honest SF. Ad# 5440

PREFERS PROTESTANT
 SWF, 30, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, sensitive, mature, likes walks, concerts, parks, seeks cute, sensitive, SF, who wants to know the Lord. Ad# 8660

LOOKING FOR FRIENDSHIP
 Educated, career-oriented SWM, 30, 5'8", 155lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, outgoing, seeking SWF, 27-35, Ad# 6025

MUST BE FUNNY
 SWM, 30, smoker, social drinker, likes fishing, hiking, bar, beer, disco, alien, seeking outgoing, physically fit, faithful, honest SF. Ad# 5542

LET'S TALK
 Outgoing SWM, 31, enjoys boating, winter sports, and work, the outdoors, seeks intelligent, friendly, outgoing SWF, for long-term relationship. Ad# 6425

NEW TO MICHIGAN
 Attractive, tall SWM, 31, enjoys sports, concerts, movies & more, seeking attractive SF, 18-38, for dating, possible relationship. Ad# 1126

LAKELAND
 Successful SWM, 31, 5'11", 160lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, active, affectionate, seeking slender, professional SWF. Ad# 1536

LIKES SPORTS
 SWM, 31, 6'4", 200lbs, enjoys walks, animals, cars, spending time with his son, seeks SWF. Ad# 9805

FUN, FUN, FUN
 Friendly SWM, 31, seeks nice SF, who enjoys nightclubs, dancing, hockey, romantic walks, dining out, for good times. Ad# 5339

TAKE A CHANCE ON ME
 SWM, 31, enjoys sports, concerts, music, travel, movies, seeks SWF, 18-21, with similar interests. Ad# 9119

ATTRACTIVE
 SWM, 32, 5'8", 165lbs, dark hair, green eyes, fun-loving, honest, hardworking, enjoys dancing, the outdoors, seeks caring SF. Ad# 1454

DIGS KIDS
 SWM, 32, 6'2", 160lbs, long sandy-blond curly hair, blue eyes, enjoys outdoor activities, classic rock, poetry, art, seeking sincere, fun SF. Ad# 6556

LIKES TATTOOS
 SWM, 32, likes snowboarding, concerts, seeks SF. Ad# 1023

OLD COUNTRY BOY
 SWM, 32, enjoys fishing, hiking, farming, music, movies, animals, children, seeking fun-loving, humorous SF, with similar interests, to be yourself. Ad# 1009

MAKE A MOVE!
 SWM, 32, outgoing, enjoys sports, hanging out with friends, the outdoors, travel, seeks SF, with common interests. Ad# 9022

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 SWM, 32, 5'9", 190lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, enjoys, enjoys sports, seeks fun SF, to spend time with. Ad# 8119

MANY INTERESTS!
 SWM, 32, 6'0", 270lbs, blond hair, green eyes, enjoys traveling, outdoor sports, seeks warm, affectionate, sincere, open, compatible SF. Ad# 1470

the NOVI NEWS Sports

Wildcats rush past Falcons in opener 27-7

By SCOTT DANIEL
 Sports Editor

Knowing what a team is going to do and being able to stop it are two different things.

Farmington High knew the Wildcats would run the football on Friday night's opener, but the Falcons could do little to slow Novi's ground game and lost convincingly, 27-7.

Led by line Akpan and Jason Witherspoon, the Wildcats rushed for nearly 300 yards before a large home crowd.

"It was a good start for us," said coach John Osborne. "We played a good game."

Akpan carried eight times for 120 yards and the Wildcats rushed while Witherspoon added 73 yards in 11 attempts. He also scored a TD.

Osborne said a solid effort by his offensive line helped open holes for the dynamic duo. But they also got a lot of yards on their own.

"They both do a good job on their own," the coach added.

Novi led 14-0 by halftime and cruised home for a relatively easy victory. Quarterback Doug Minko scored the Wildcats' other touchdown.

The competition gets a wee bit tougher tomorrow night. Novi travels to South Lyon for a battle in the Jugate.

The Lions are coming off an

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impressive 48-0 victory over Northville. Novi is definitely the underdog for the contest, but Osborne says not to count the Wildcats out.

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Harriers win local invite

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 Sports Editor

Gave Novi High's boys' cross country team lousy weather and they'll run like champions every time.

Despite a steady downpour, the Wildcats won the Schoolcraft Invitational but outdistancing 12 other schools. Novi finished with 78 points while Ypsilanti Lincoln was close behind at 89.

"It was a very even field," coach Bob Smith said of the competition. "If we had been running dual meets, we could've lost to several teams there."

"We got our fifth runner in long before anyone else," Smith said.

In cross country, the top five runners court toward the team score. Where each runner places in the race is counted for points. The lowest total wins.

In Saturday's race, Kevin Avenius was Novi's top finisher. He took seventh overall in 15:38.

Cameron Chipponeri was 13th in 16:03, Jason Sabot came in 17th at 16:09. Scott Shepley 20th in 16:15 and Chris Duprey 21st in 16:18. Brian Fischer finished in 17:05 and Ty Clark in 17:21.

If those times look awfully fast for the first week of the season, they were. But there's a good reason.

Farmington finally got its offense in gear on its next possession. The Falcons drove all the way to Novi's 33-yard line before the Wildcats stopped it.

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Runners second at invite

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Saturday's Schoolcraft Invitational featured 10 cross country teams from the metropolitan area.

But it turned into a dual meet between Novi and Livonia Stevenson. The Wildcats placed three runners in the top 10 and still wound up in second place.

The Spartans won with a total of 37 points to Novi's 41. Clarkston was a very distant third at 97 points.

"The girls looked good," coach Norm Norgren said. "We ran well both varsity and reserve."

"The Wildcats won the junior varsity race. Both squads made the best of a bad situation."

Soaking rain made the course soft to say the least. But the real problem was the length of the course.

Cross country races are supposed to be 3.1 miles or five kilometers long. Schoolcraft's course was substantially short.

It led to artificially fast times. "I must have been a half-mile short," said Norgren, who added that the course was very flat. "You want the kids to run the real thing, flat or not."

Whatever the case, Kendra Matheny ran like the wind. The junior finished second overall in 18:02.

Jenny Hampton finished fifth, Brooke Albright sixth and Angel Root 13th. Lorna Camp rounded out the scoring for Novi by taking 15th. Cat Waller was 18th and Michelle Harrison 21st.

The top 20 runners all received medals. Norgren was particularly proud of Waller. The freshman stepped in for injured Alaina Chipponeri and ran very well.

"She proved that it really is a team sport," the coach added. "The Wildcats dominated the JV race. Katie Zimmerman won it with a solid time of 19:12."

"She got everything together and ran well," Norgren said.

Mara DeLuca was second in 19:39, Michelle Svelter took fifth in 20:00, Mandy Phelps was eighth in 20:41 and Andra Wolowicz was 10th. Rosabel Chang took 11th for Novi.

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Photo by BRYAN MITCHELL

Lorna Camp finished 15th at the Schoolcraft Invitational Saturday for Novi.

Novi 15, SOUTH LYON 48

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Wildcats win at Schoolcraft

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The Schoolcraft course was significantly shorter than 3.1 miles, which is supposed to be standard.

"It was short," Smith said, "and very flat."

Several junior varsity runners did well Saturday, too.

John Moore ran a 17:04 for second place. Rob Florkowski took fifth and Dan Lynch ran a strong race as well.

Novi 19, SOUTH LYON 43

Novi traveled to South Lyon for Thursday's league opener.

It proved a happy trip for the Wildcats, which took six out of the

top seven slots.

"We're rockin'." Smith said. "This is the best team we've had in years. We've kicked it up a notch."

The major obstacle in beating South Lyon was out dueling the Lions' Kevin June. Junes Namm did just that and won the race in 17:29.

"He led from start to finish," Smith said. "Junes is running like he believes he's (our) No. 1."

Chipponeri was third overall in 17:49. Fischer was fourth in 17:53.

"He's not quite consistent

Golfers fall by two to KVC rival Lions

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

When you're playing KVC golf, a couple of strokes can make all the difference.

That point was proven Thursday as Novi High lost its first match of the season, 157-159 to South Lyon. One bad hole, which amounted to a seven on a par 3, by the Wildcats allowed the Lions to take the victory.

"It was a tough swing for us," coach John Peace said. "But we shot very well."

South Lyon sits atop the Kensington Valley Conference with a 1-0 dual meet record and a victory in the pre-season league meet. Peace said the title is a long way from being decided, however.

"It's wide open," he added. "We're all very close."

Whatever school winds up KVC champion this fall probably will finish with a couple of losses, Peace said. At any rate, Novi gets a chance to even its league mark today with a match at home against Milford.

Being inexperienced on the course may have cost the Wildcats in terms of penalty strokes, he added.

"You have to know how to play the course," Peace said.

Novi 203, NORTHVILLE 208

A pair of individual efforts pushed Novi to victory in a Sept. 3 road match at Tanglewood.

Kobylarek shot an even par 36 and Chirgwin notched a 39. Not bad considering Kobylarek double-bogeyed one hole and Chirgwin was three over on another.

"We didn't shoot quite as well," Peace said of the match.

Fannon shot 41. Marchuck 43 and Jason Rollins a 44. Tanglewood's west nine featured many hidden trouble spots, according to Peace.

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Northville mauled by South Lyon 48-0

Final scores don't always tell the whole story. But South Lyon's 48-0 pasting of Northville in the season opener Friday did.

The Lions dominated the game in every way imaginable, offensively with more than 400 rushing yards and defensively by posing the shutout.

"They are may be as good or better than last year," Northville coach Darrel Schumacher said. "They had more muscle, punch and speed than we did. But I was surprised they dominated us as much as they did."

South Lyon led 21-0 after one quarter and never let up. Defensively, the Mustangs were out of position and a step behind in trying to stop the Lions' wing-T offense.

"They did a good job of faking and got us stepping in the wrong direction," Schumacher added. "Little things add up."

Literally.

South Lyon's Brian Boyer, who scored three times, rushed for 160 yards. Fullback Dave Bishop

added 138 yards and one touchdown. The Lions rushed for a whopping 450 yards.

As bad as things were Friday, it was only one game. Northville will try to right the ship tomorrow on the road at Salem.

"We've got to reload," Schumacher said, "and get the kids to believe in themselves."

Reload is exactly what South Lyon has done this year.

The Lions made it to the state finals last year. They lost numerous stars from that team and figured to be a shade weaker in '96.

But that appears to be far from the truth. South Lyon looked solid in every phase of the game, especially offense.

That point was illustrated in the game's first series Friday night.

After Northville's Adam Tibble kicked the ball into the end zone for a touchdown, the Lions started at their own 20-yard line.

Quarterback Lance Siegwald handed off to Boyer on the third play of the series and the speedy halfback went around left end for a 57-yard touchdown.

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WILDCATS OF THE WEEK

IME AKPAN - Football
Akpan carried eight times for 120 yards and scored two touchdowns in Novi's victory over Farmington Friday. The senior proved to be effective running on the outside by breaking tackles and out running Falcon defenders.

SHANNON ANDREWS, AMANDA CURLY - Tennis
Playing at top doubles for the Wildcats Andrews and Curly dominated their opponents last week. The duo played superb tennis in a two-set win over Brighton. Coach Jim Hanson raved about their play. "Andrews and Curly played the best doubles match I've seen in 14 years of coaching at Novi," he said Hanson. The doubles team also grabbed a victory against Lakeland.

Sports Shorts

Colts
The 1996 Colts homecoming games and parade will be Sunday, Sept. 15. The homecoming parade starts the day at 10:30 a.m. and begins at Northville Downs proceeding through Northville to Novi and ends at the Novi Meadows football field.

Games begin at 1 p.m. versus the Dearborn Redskins. The 1 p.m. freshman game will be followed by the Junior varsity game at 2:30 p.m. and the varsity game at 4 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Soccer
A Novi WSSLU10 girls soccer team were co-champions for the spring season. The Novi team shared this honor with Northville. Novi had a record of 7-1 for the season. The team members were Nicole Barndt, Lindsay Blaszczak, Amanda Church, Elizabeth Clark, Laura Clark, Allison Davies, Teresa Dwyer, Ely Garden, Jessica Haggerty, Andrea Jirasek, Lauren Kava, Jenny LaCosse, Rebecca Reichel, Sarah Rudzinski, Sarah Schmitt, Samantha Stricker and Megan Szczepka.

Expos' tryouts
Novi youth baseball travel teams will hold their 1997 tryouts for the following ages on Sept. 14 and 15:

- 12 - 4-6 p.m. Powers Park
- 14 - 4-6 p.m. Powers Park
- 15 - 4-6 p.m. Powers Park

If you have questions call Dave Ray, 347-7731. The Expos under 13 team will hold tryouts this Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. and Sunday noon to 2 p.m. at Power Park. Players are to meet on the back to fields at the park. Call Jess Crawford at 348-2616 for more information.

Nine- and 10-year-old team tryouts will be held on Sept. 15 and 21 at Power Park, located behind the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road at 3 p.m. for boys born on or after Aug. 1, 1986. For additional information, call Dan Davis at 344-4607.

Eleven-year-old Team: Tryouts will be held on Sept. 15 and 21 at Power Park, located behind the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile Road at 3 p.m. for boys born on or after Aug. 1, 1985. For additional information, call Mike Hart at 348-3246.

Jaguars
The Novi Jaguars U11-A boys soccer team were finalists in the Troy soccer tournament held over Labor Day weekend. The team was perfect through four games, but was narrowly defeated 2-1 in the championship game. Members of the team include:

- Mark Angolec, Aaron Bauer, Adam Brandau, Chris Dalton, Jason Glogowski, Andrew Habash, Michael Hambell, Hirokazu Hasegawa, B.J. Humphrey, Neil Kocan, Kerry Kreuzberg, Mark Moore, Brent Pantaleo, Mark Saurer and Jon Sierra.

Kickers blank Hartland 1-0, tie Lions

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A tie is a tie is a tie. But this one could come back to haunt the Wildcats.

"I'll make it tough to win the league," said O'Leary. "It means we'll probably have to beat Brighton twice."

That won't be easy. The Bulldogs have been whipping everyone so far this year.

Novi and Brighton will face off for the first time on Sept. 24.

As for the Sept. 3 home game with South

Lyon, it was a typical Wildcat-Lion battle.

O'Leary said it's always tough to score against the Lions. South Lyon typically drops most of its players close to the net, making it tough to get good scoring chances.

"We had the ball 70 percent of the game," said O'Leary. "We moved the ball well and did the things we wanted to do."

Except find the net.

Novi's only tally came about 10 minutes into the game. John Irinescu scored off an indirect

kick. Lyskawa assisted.

It appeared for a time that Novi would shutout the Lions. But with just two minutes remaining, the Wildcats were caught out of position and beaten on a crossing play.

Novi was unable to break the tie in the closing seconds.

With McShane returning and a little extra work on finishing scoring chances, O'Leary is confident his team will be able to convert on more of its chances in future games.

That pretty much closed the door on Farmington. Osborne said both teams used their benches extensively in the fourth quarter.

Alkan closed scoring with about eight minutes to go. He went 55-yards on a sweep to make it a 27-7 final.

For the game, Novi totaled 296 yards of offense. The Wildcats allowed 230 to Farmington, 186 of those coming on the ground.

Nine Wildcat penalties marred the win. Osborne said his team must improve on that number for a chance at beating South Lyon tomorrow.

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Having a baby – the right way

By CAROL WILSON
Special Writer

Having a baby is one of the most significant decisions a couple makes in their lives. The decision brings with it a tidal wave of information to sort through, choices to be made and options from which to choose. There is no universal agreement among medical professionals, or the general public for that matter, on the single safest and most satisfying way to give birth.

Preparing Your Body

Common sense tells us that to have a healthy baby you should have a healthy body. That is why we hear of the "12-month pregnancy." A visit to your health care provider for pre-conceptual counseling will put you on the right track.

Smoking and alcohol intake are known to cause birth defects and other problems in infants. Certain vitamins, such as folate, should be started prior to pregnancy so that they are "on board" at the time of conception. A well-rounded, nutritious diet, as well as a sensible exercise program lay the groundwork for a healthy pregnancy.

Choosing a Healthcare Provider

Insurance plans often dictate the care providers and hospitals from which you can choose, so obtain a current, accurate list of providers from your health plan administrators.

Obstetricians, nurse midwives, and many family practice physicians deliver babies. Investigate the choices available and decide for yourself what is best, depending on your needs, desires and priorities.

Interview more than one care provider before choosing. Do some initial screening over the telephone to avoid office visit charges. Ask about the qualifications and experience of the doctor or midwife. Inquire about fees and insurance, who takes calls when the doctor is off duty, and with what hospitals she or he is affiliated. Many providers have privileges at more

than one hospital.

Think of the first office visit as a chance to interview the care provider. Trust your instincts and feelings about the office environment, staff and the care provider. Ask key questions that will give you an idea of the philosophy and type of care offered. Listen as much to how the caregiver answers questions as to what he or she actually says.

- Ask the care provider to describe a normal delivery, rates of caesarean, preferred delivery positions, views on IVs and episiotomies and beliefs about bonding and breastfeeding.

- Ask family practice physicians or nurse midwives who would manage your care if complications develop.

- If this is a group practice, find out who will be your primary caretaker and how "on call" is structured.

- Ask who is allowed in the birthing room and C-section room.

The Birthplace

About 95 percent of all babies born in the United States are born in hospitals. Free standing birthing centers and home deliveries constitute the other 5 percent.

Birthing centers and some hospitals offer a one-room method of delivery called the LDRP (labor, delivery, recovery, post partum). The family remains in the same room for their entire stay.

An alternative method is the LDR (labor, delivery, recovery). After the recovery period, mom and baby are transferred to family-centered care or the post-partum unit, where they remain together until discharge.

Still another alternative offers separate newborn care in a traditional nursery setting.

Ask for a tour of the facility you are considering. Determine the method of care delivery used, how admission is completed, if there is a comfortable waiting area for family and friends, and the schedule of visiting hours.

Look into standard admission practices, such

as IVs, fetal monitoring, and whether or not you are allowed to shower and walk during labor. Ask who is allowed in the room at the time of birth and if the baby is allowed to stay with you.

Find out what happens if there is an emergency and what infant safety policies are in place. Determine what follow-up care and support services, such as lactation and nutrition, are available.

Childbirth Classes

Many entities in the community offer childbirth preparation classes to lead you through the paces of normal labor and birth. The programs and the background and training of instructors varies. They will provide you with information you'll need on everything from hospital policy to relaxed breathing.

Classes on breastfeeding, nutrition, exercise as well as classes for siblings and grandparents are also available.

There are books, videos, and numbers of "experts" ready and willing to advise you. You will receive advice from your parents, friends and others who are eager to provide information to you. Consider their suggestions and advice in light of your own experience, knowledge, common sense and priorities. The more you know about child bearing and rearing, the better you will be able to handle the decisions, the concerns, the work ... and the joy ahead.

Carol Wilson, RNC, BSN is an obstetrics education coordinator at Botsford General Hospital. She will be speaking about birthing options on Sept. 21 and Nov. 9 at "Great Expectations," a seminar for couples who are thinking of having or are expecting a baby. For more information about the program call Botsford General Hospital at (810) 442-7986. For a tour of Botsford General Hospital's Maternity Department call (810) 477-6100.

Near-focusing ability loss is natural

As our eyes approach age 40 they may feel like they have seen most everything and are getting pretty darn tired. No wonder most of us develop presbyopia – the natural loss of near-focusing ability. My column addresses this as an eye health issue for baby boomers.

Most age changes in our eyes begin in childhood but don't have a functional impact until later in life. Presbyopia is a good example. It doesn't matter whether a 20-year-old can only focus to within 3 inches instead of 2 inches, but at 45 if you can't focus clearly at 15 inches you'll have trouble reading small print you used to see effortlessly. Early signs of presbyopia include a delay in changing focus from distance to near, dependence on brighter reading light and drowsiness with reading.

The physical change responsible for presbyopia is decreased flexibility of the lens located behind the iris (colored portion of the eye). Your eye stops growing in your teens but the lens continues to grow, and as more cells are added, the lens becomes less elastic. At present there is no medically proven way to avoid these inevitable changes.

Correcting presbyopia begins with a thorough eye exam with your optometrist. For adults this includes dilating your pupils. Without the dilating drops your doctor only has a keyhole view inside your eye and cannot determine if your eye is totally healthy. I liken this to going to the dentist and only smiling but not opening your mouth.

Some important health concerns include ruling out diabetic eye disease, cataracts and

glaucoma. The most common concern is with glaucoma – an increased fluid pressure inside the eye that can compress and destroy the optic nerve, leading to irreversible damage and blindness. Glaucoma increases in prevalence every decade after 40 and usually has no symptoms so the only way to detect it early is through routine preventative eye care. For my patients I include a careful personal and family history to assess risk factors, a computerized peripheral vision evaluation, eye-pressure testing and a three-dimensional analysis of the optic nerve as it exits the back of the eye and enters the brain (this can only be done with dilated pupil).

Provided your eye is healthy, you have a number of options to correct presbyopia. The simplest is wearing prescription reading glasses to correct any imbalance between the eyes and other sight disorders such as astigmatism. Simple reading glasses are sometimes a good option for those who sit all day at a computer. Drug store reading glasses don't usually fully correct your vision nor are they aligned with your eye's position. The result can be unnecessary eye strain and blur, which is the very reason you are wearing glasses.

A more popular option is the progressive addition lens (PAL). This is technically the most advanced invisible bifocal lens and does things reading glasses and regular bifocals cannot.

A reading lens gives you a fixed range of focus from about 10 to 24 inches while blurring anything beyond that range. Regular lined bifocals give you the same near range and clear distance vision starting at about 4 feet. This can leave computer screens, dashboards and store shelves out of focus in the midrange of 2 to 4 feet. Trifocals address the mid-range but now you have two noticeable lines on the lens where your vision jumps.

The PAL has a computer-generated surface that is molded to allow a clear reading area. In the middle of the lens is a smooth strengthening of power that takes your focus from reading

all the way out to long distance without any gaps, lines or jumps. Most people agree the absence of tell-tale bifocal lines makes them look and feel younger.

Our success rate with PAL is more than 95 percent, although proper frame selection, measurements and prescription design must all come together for this success. Current technology has produced significant improvements in just the last year or two.

Contact lens wearers also have options when it comes to presbyopia. I find more and more patients are continuing to wear contacts past age 40 and often people start wearing contacts for the first time in their 40s. The eye can easily support contact lens use although re-wetting drops are often needed to combat decreased tear production, especially in women.

The most common approach to correcting presbyopia with contacts is called monovision. This involves correcting the dominant eye to full distance and the non-dominant eye to moderate near focus. This applies to disposable soft lenses, gas permeable rigid lenses or any others.

Refractive surgery like the new excimer laser procedure can correct nearsightedness and astigmatism and further research is under way to address presbyopia other than through a simple monovision approach. Having co-managed my own patients with excimer surgery over the last year, I can tell you this will play a major positive role in the future of eye care.

Preventative eye exams and a creative approach to presbyopia can help us continue to enjoy our sight at any distance or any age, just when you thought you had seen it all.

Tim Kirk, O.D. is in private practice in Novi at Town & Country Eyecare, (810) 347-7800. This column is coordinated by the office of Planning and Marketing at the University of Michigan.

Health Notes

BOTSFORD HOSPITAL

Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills and at Novi with TRACC is offering the following programs:

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

- Stress Management – Do you feel stressed? Feel there's not enough hours in the day? Chances are, if you're like most of us trying to juggle work, family, and the myriad of other things that demand our attention, sometimes you feel overwhelmed. However, there is a solution.

The Botsford Center for Health Improvement (tracc) is offering a course in Tai Chi. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese martial art which is often referred to as "meditation in motion." Tai Chi employs breathing techniques along with coordination and relaxation of the entire body. This form of stress management is rapidly increasing in popularity, and offers a wonderful opportunity to relax and exercise at the same time.

The classes meet for eight consecutive Wednesdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 23, from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost of the course is \$70.

Due to limited space, preregistration is required. For more information and to register,

call (810) 473-5600.

tracc is the Novi-based comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation and conditioning facility that specializes in sports, occupational and industrial medicine. It is part of Botsford General Hospital Physical Medicine Department.

- 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.

Providence Hospital

Providence Hospital is offering the following programs:

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

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

- NutriWay Program – The nationally-recognized NutriWay weight management program. This four- to 10-week weight/cholesterol management series includes cooking demonstra-

tions, taste testing, label reading, restaurant survival skills and much more.

- Blood pressure check – A free blood pressure check will be held on the first Thursday of every month.

This free service is available at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Beck Road from 1-3 p.m. in the Cardiopulmonary Department. Call (810) 380-4225 for further information.

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

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

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

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

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