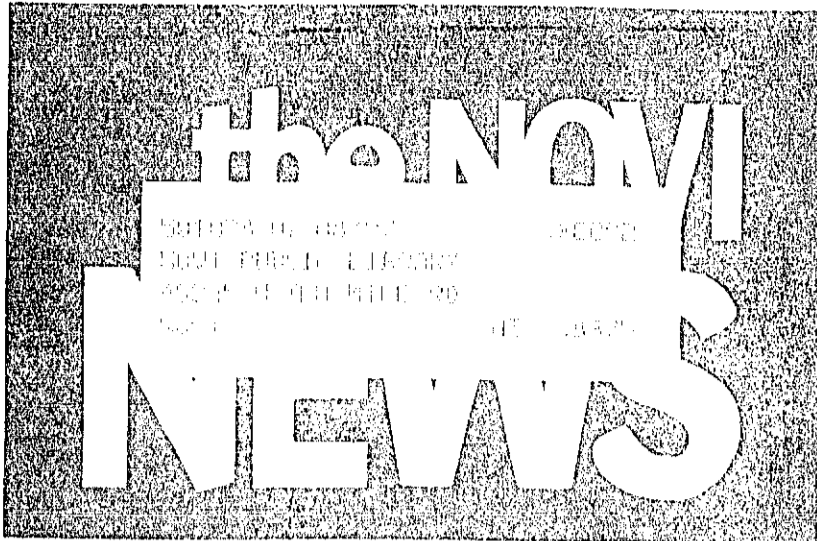


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Mayor outlines year ahead in state-of-city

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If you want to keep pace with Novi in 1997, Mayor Kathleen McLallen's advice is to learn the three Rs.

That's not reading, writing and arithmetic. McLallen's three Rs for this city on a roll are Recreation, Retail and Redevelopment. Actually, she has a fourth R, too.

"The past four years make us look like Projects R Us," the mayor said in her annual state of the city speech.

McLallen spoke Tuesday at a Novi Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Doubletree Hotel.

Novi residents have been clamoring for that first R, recreation. "This year we will deliver," the mayor promised.

Up and running in 1997, she said will be the Community Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads, Rotary Park on Nine Mile Road, an expanded Powers Park behind the Novi City Center and a new ice arena on Ten Mile Road. Also anticipated is

"I am reminded of a quote from one of the Big Three auto executives: 'we're having so much fun, we cannot wait until tomorrow.'"

Mayor Kathleen McLallen

that voters will be asked to determine if they want to pay taxes for a community swimming pool, or don't.

Meanwhile, private enterprise is bringing in The Soccer Zone, an indoor soccer facility to Grand River Avenue and The Sports Club may build a Novi complex on Ten Mile Road.

As for retail, Novi has long been known as a regional shopping mecca. That will continue, as West Oaks shopping center

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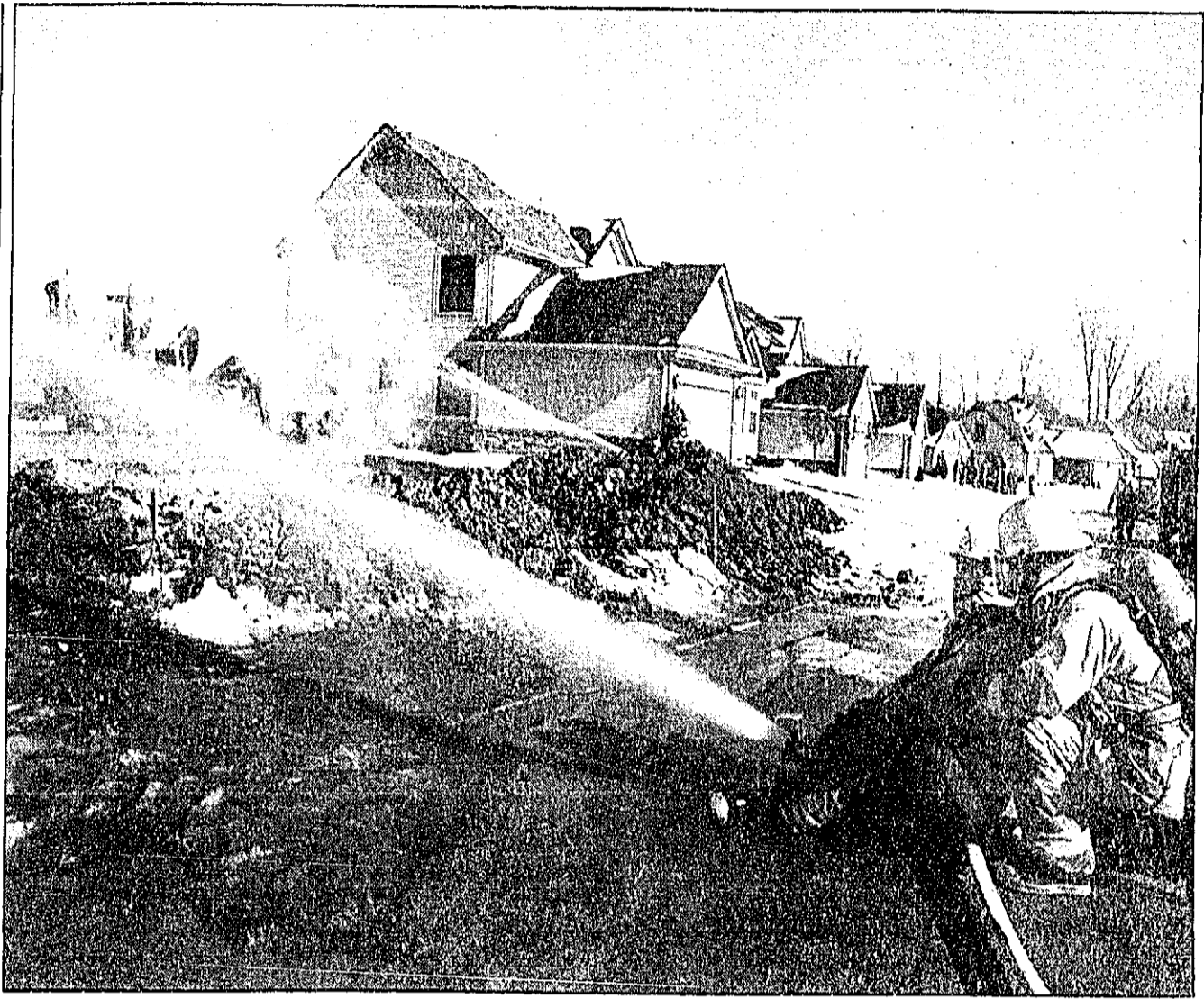


Photo by JOHN HEIGER

The fire department responded to a ruptured gas line on Brookstone Lane Monday. The line was severed by construction equipment around noon and firefighters hosed down an adjacent home so it wouldn't catch fire. No injuries were reported.

Gas main blaze lights up Novi

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

A ten-foot column of flame briefly lit up the skies of northern Novi Tuesday, but the gas main fire was more show than disaster.

A Consumers Power crew was repairing an underground gas line on Brookstone Street in The Vistas of Novi subdivision when a clamp cutting off the fuel was apparently severed by a back hoe.

"A spark ignited the escaping gas and then it really took off," Novi Fire Chief Art

Lenaghan said.

"When it ignites, it's like a blow torch."

No one was injured.

The incident occurred at about noon on a vacant lot between two houses and near the company's heavy machinery.

In order to do the initial repairs, gas company employees clamped off the line. Then, they needed to widen the hole to reach a leak in the underground line, the fire chief said. That's when the clamp was hit by the machinery.

Within the hour, Consumers Power extinguished the fire by once again shutting down line.

However, to combat any possible danger caused by the intense heat radiating from the column of fire, a nearby house was hosed down by the Novi Fire Department.

"We had to put a stream of water on the house. It was pretty necessary," Lenaghan explained.

"They [the occupants] were all out."

The state of progress in Novi, by the numbers

At her State of the City speech Tuesday, Mayor Kathleen McLallen cited these 1996 facts about Novi.

- The city boasts 160 miles of paved roads, due to the completion of the 1990 road bond.

- Standard & Poor's upgraded Novi's bond rating for the second time in five years, giving the city an AA minus, the "best achievable municipal rating in the State of Michigan," the mayor said, adding that the New York City organization was impressed by Novi's "sound management, its well-planned growth and its sustained economic value."

- The mid-decade census taken last year showed that Novi's population grew 24 percent from 1990, to about 40,000 people. More people meant \$500,000 more in state shared revenues.

- Some 1,622 building permits, or just over four each day of the year, were issued by Novi's Building Department.

- Last year, 461 permits were drawn for new houses, 43 for multiple units and 52 for non-residential buildings, including the largest indoor soccer facility in the Midwest, The Soccer Zone at Grand River Avenue and Meadowbrook Road.

- Some 760 existing buildings were altered.

- Three new fire protection officers were hired.

- Four police officers were added to the city's force.

- The estimated state equalized valuation of the city for 1996 is \$1.5 billion, a 7 percent growth over 1995.

- Novi owns over 700 acres of parks.

Fire losses rise in Novi for 1996

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

All it took were a couple of roaring blazes and, in 1996, Novi experienced its second worst year for fire losses in recent history.

Altogether, fire disasters destroyed \$2.3 million worth of property in Novi in the past 12 months - almost 200 percent over

last year. Yet, the city had 20 percent fewer fires in 1996 than it did in 1995.

"Three fires accounted for half the losses," Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said.

Spiking the statistics were two major infernos, the first at Mutual Plastics on Grand River Avenue in May, creating \$400,000 in

destruction and the second at Maisano's restaurant in July, leaving a \$200,000 mess and temporarily shutting down the popular Novi Road eatery.

But the costliest of all was set by an arsonist, who torched two buildings under construction at the Portsmouth Apartments in April, leaving \$500,000 in dam-

age on Pontiac Trail. That case remains under investigation by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Lenaghan said.

Novi's highest year for fire losses in the past decade came in 1989, when the Novi Plastics Plant on Grand River Avenue burned, with the resulting \$4 mil-

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Schools may coordinate testing

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi School officials, along with those in other districts around the state, are being asked to consider moving all state standardized testing to a two-week period in February.

According to Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent for Novi Schools, that may not be a bad idea.

"I think people are going to say 'Hey, that's great.' But that's just my observation," she said.

"It seems to me to be more logical ... That way you're only concentrating for two weeks, not the fall and the spring at the [various] grade levels," she explained.

Traynor said she and the principals of the schools along with some other staff will talk about the issue and submit a letter of

recommendation to the state by Jan. 27.

"That sounds like a good idea to me," said Ann Newton, Novi School Board trustee. "Anything they can do to consolidate and speed along the process and get the tests graded and returned in a more timely manner is good."

The benefit, along with better district coordination, is the ability for the fourth and seventh grade

students who take the MEAP writing and math in the fall, to get some extra learning before testing, said Traynor.

That could contribute to even higher scores on the tests. This year students reached 88.5 percent satisfactory on the 4th grade math and 80.1 percent on the 4th grade reading. Seventh graders scored 77.8 percent satisfactory

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MEAP SCORES SCHOOL BY SCHOOL

School	READING			MATH		
	1996	1995	Change	1996	1995	Change
Novi Woods	75.5	72.3	4%	84	75.5	10%
Orchard Hills	83.1	76.7	8%	96.2	92.2	4%
Parkview	85.4	87.3	-2%	89.3	94.1	-5%
Village Oaks	74.6	73.6	1%	85.1	87.9	-3%
4th grade overall	80.1	77.7	3%	88.5	87.5	1%
Middle School 7th grade	59.3	59.6	-1%	77.8	78	0%

Chilly Willy Festival is a hit

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

You want to stir up a batch of great chill, you've got to roast the red peppers first.

That's the advice from Rocky's of Northville. The eatery holds the distinction of walking away with all three awards - Judges' Choice, Peoples' Choice and Best-dressed Booth - in Novi's annual Chilly Willy Festival Chili Cook-off last weekend.

"It takes roasting to bring out the mild flavor of the peppers. It mellows out the peppers," explained John Campbell, general manager of Rocky's.

A creation of Chef Charles "Rocky" Rachwitz, the "mildly hot" concoction featured beef, papayas

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Photo by JOHN HEIGER

Self-avowed "Chili Expert" (it was written on his name tag) Jack Reutter takes a spoonful during the Chilly Willy Fest chili taste test at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday. In case of stomach upset, Reutter had the service of a large bottle of Tums antacids - directly in front of him.

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, January 23

Novi Schools

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

Monday, January 27

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 (810) 344-2167 after 6 p.m.

Tuesday, January 28

ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel between Seven and Eight Mile Roads, off I-275. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

The Skagite Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Tall Rd., from 7:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 349-2669.

Youth Assistance

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

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

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

Camera Club

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

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 Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Monday, February 3

City Council

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

Health tests

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

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)

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

TOPS

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Support offered to grieving children

Care-ouser, Arbor Hospice care for kids program, will begin another children's grief support group on Tuesday, Jan. 28, at the First Methodist Church in Plymouth. The groups will meet for 12 weekly sessions meeting from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The program is for school age children 5-18 who have experienced the death of a parent, no matter when or how the loss occurred. Groups follow a model developed in cooperation with the University of Michigan. The program won the National Hospice Organization Award of Excellence.

All groups are age specific. The groups are led by professionals experienced and knowledgeable about children's grief.

To provide further support for the children and the surviving parents, a parent education group will meet alternative weeks at the same time. For more information about this or other children's bereavement groups and registration, call Arbor Hospice at (313) 677-0500 or 1-800-784-5764.

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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 Lahlil at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, February 4

Seniors meeting

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

Civil Air Patrol

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Menopause Support Group

Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 390-4115 for more information.

Board of Appeals

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

Band rehearsal

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

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 Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Amateur Radio Club

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

Wednesday, February 5

Athletic Boosters

The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

Planning Commission

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

Business Network International

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

Thursday, February 6

Novi schools

The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

Optimist Club

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

Walled Lake Schools

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Room, Educational Services Center, 850 Ladd Rd., Building D.

Monday, February 10

City Council

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Health tests

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Library Board

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

American Business Women's Assoc.

The American Business Women's Association meets at the Doubletree Hotel (formerly Sheraton Oaks) in Novi. Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is at 7 and the business meeting follows immediately thereafter. For reservations call Rita Engle at (810) 960-8300 daytime or (810) 624-0282 evening, membership information call Betty Johnson (810) 960-9559.

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CHADD

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



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Potluck

Ray Martin, president of the Novi Senior Social Club, helps himself the scalloped potato dish he brought to last week's Senior Potluck monthly luncheon at the Novi Civic Center. About one dozen seniors gathered on Wednesday to share a meal and some companionship.

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City ready to start road work

By JAN JEFFRIES Staff Writer

In November, voters gave the city permission to go on a \$17.1 million spending spree.

That's exactly what's happening. Leading the priority list are traffic lights for the Ten Mile/Wagon Road and Nine Mile/Tall Road intersections, the Tall Road extension with an accompanying upgrade to West Road and repairs to subdivision streets.

Last week, the Novi City Council gave the go-ahead for the Department of Public Works to get the ball rolling. Consulting engineering firm JCK & Associates, will do conceptual design work and prepare rights-of-way acquisition documents.

Later, the construction work will be open to competitive bidding. In the interest of moving quickly, Department of Public Works Director Anthony Nowicki advised that the request procedure, without putting the initial portion of the work out for bids, as the council had contemplated in December.

Competitive bidding for this stage of the work will slow everything down, Nowicki noted in a memo to the council. "We can expect a number of tear term projects as a direct result of the bidding process and little to no movement of other projects due to design and permit requirements. Potentially, the request for proposals acceptance and execution, could span three to six months."

JCK's fees for the services range from 1.4 percent below the average for similar work to 0.5 percent above, Nowicki said. The firm has also said it will hire extra staff to help with the road bond projects.

JCK's contract as consultants to Novi was renewed by the city council in August.

Maps, conceptual and preliminary designs, drawings and estimates for the road bond projects will be done by JCK. Survey work has already begun on many of the projects.

Along with the design work, the projects in the 1996 bond package will need permits from state agencies and land must be purchased, sometimes from reluctant property owners.

The proposed work schedule is as follows:

- Subdivision roadway repairs: Resurfacing and pavement fixing in various neighborhoods. \$2.5 million. May 1997.
- Includes Orchard Hills, Conneautville Hills, Willowbrook, Orchard Ridge, North Hills Estates, Dunbar Pines and Simmons Orchard subdivisions. Other neighborhoods will see roadwork done as part of the city's six-year road maintenance program.
- Nine Mile/Tall Road intersection: Installation of traffic signals. \$150,000. May 1997.
- Ten Mile/Wagon Road: Traffic signals. \$160,000. May 1997. The Oakland County Road Commission will do the work and help pay for it.
- West Road: Reconstruction from the Tall Road extension to Pontiac Trail. \$1.29 million, proposed start date, July 1997.
- Tall Road Extension: New road from Twelve Mile Road to West Road, including a railroad bridge and safety paths. \$6.28 million, start date July 1997.
- JCK noted that the city is reach-

- Meadowbrook Road: Paving and sidewalks. \$2.73 million, start date May 1998.
- Eleven Mile/Beek Road intersection: Traffic signals and intersection widening. \$310,000. March 1998.
- This intersection will be needed for the detour when the Grand River bridge west of Novi Road is rebuilt and Grand River is closed.
- Nine Mile/Beek Road intersection: Traffic lights and widening of intersection. \$770,000, start date July 1998.
- Crescent Boulevard: Conversion of town center ring road at northwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road. \$1.5 million, start date May 1999.

ing agreements with the Northern Equities Group, an industrial developer, and Seedeckre firm on acquiring rights-of-way for the extension. The city offer for the Crawford family home on Twelve Mile Road was rejected; negotiations continue.

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Volunteers were highlight of Novi library's 1996 year

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

What's the matter with kids today? While they could have been out spray painting graffiti on public buildings and generally stirring up trouble, 74 Novi teens this summer were instead busy with volunteer work, helping out the community they live in.

Is there something right with this picture? Novi Library Director Brenda Evans thinks so.

As one of the highlights of the library's 1995-96 fiscal year, Evans can't help bragging a bit about the teenagers who helped out with the "Read Around the World," the library's summer reading program for children.

"It's very, very busy. It brings in many, many children... I really can't think of any other public library that's been able to benefit so much from the help of that age group," Evans said.

"We as a library staff couldn't do it without the teen volunteers." Last summer was the second time the library sought volunteer help from the younger generation. The vacation reading program is big, real big. In summer 1996, 1,190 kids signed up and read a total of 6,201 books. Thirty special events featuring fun stuff like crafts and musicians were offered by the library throughout the summer.

The 12- to 15-year old volunteers shelved books, helped kids find reading materials and/or their parents, and generally kept the place tidy after a storm of 300 tons passed through.

Novi's library continues to grow as an active, high-traffic kind of place. Quite a few people passed

CHART HEAD	
Okay, so you paid fines on a few overdue books this past year. Look at it as a contribution to help finance the services brought to you by the Novi Community Library. Late book fines accounted for \$25,386 of the library's incoming money for fiscal year 1995-96.	
The library's revenues came from these sources:	
Current property taxes	\$1,169,444
State aid	\$30,227
State shared revenue	\$7,765
State penal fines	\$38,666
Interest on investments	\$43,830
Copier fees	\$4,423
Videocassette rentals	\$17,969
Gifts and donations	\$2,181
Book rental fees	\$4,410
Overdue book fines	\$25,386
Miscellaneous income	\$2,483
Total	\$1,346,484

through those doors last year. Individual visits reached the 316,250 mark. To accommodate all those book and video and CD-ROM lovers, the library was open 62 hours a week; that's a total of 3,148 hours annually.

Recently, the library hired a team from Wayne State University to conduct a survey of its customers, the residents of Novi, to learn their preferences. Preliminary results are expected in February, Evans said.

One thing that keeps the librarians on their toes is answering requests for information and assistance. From 1990 to the end of this past fiscal year, the librarians answered a total of 264,195 questions. The curiosity of Novi residents has grown with the population. In 1990-91, 33,103 questions were flung at the library staff. In 1995-96, that number grew by 60 percent to 53,299 queries.

Through the 1990s, the library's collection — including books, magazines, compact discs, books on tape, videos and book/compact disc/computer disc combos — has soared in size.

In 1991, the library had 67,868 items available for users. In 1995-96, the public library can boast of a collection of 90,031, an increase of just under 33 percent.

All of that material wasn't sitting on shelves collecting dust, either. In 1990-91, the circulation rate was 213,047 items checked out. In 1995-96, the number had grown by 44 percent to 307,244.

"Each area shows continuing increase. That's good to see," Evans said.

To handle the crowds, the library employs seven administrators, nine librarians, 17 clerical staff members, three support staff members and seven library assistants.



check out & return
Demand on Novi Library services is on the rise.
New services available at library

Check it out. The Novi Community Library has entered the electronics age with a vengeance. Here's some of the material you can tap into.

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telephone number or fax number, etc.
Other databases:
Patient Drug Information — Allows users to search for information on prescription drugs, including side effects and drug interaction to avoid.
Online Resources:
Surf the Internet at the Novi library and explore the some 70 million web sites in a user friendly environment. While there, take a look at the Novi library's home page, which includes an overview of library services and pointers to useful information sites on the Internet. The library's home page is at this address: <http://th.lib.mi.us/~novi/>

Not that Chilly

Bitterly cold temperatures curb activities, but fest goes on



Groups of chill-lovers pack the Novi Civic Center on Saturday to get at their favorite dish served up by local restaurants and other groups.

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and cantaloupe, served up in a bowl made of bread.
Decorating the booth were a stuffed coyote bagged by Rachwitz in the Yukon, a taxidermy-treated turkey, a Western saddle with silver and assorted cowboy-type accoutrements.

"I cannot remember when the same restaurant took all three top awards. Usually the judges' choice and peoples' choice are different," said Novi Parks and Recreation Supervisor Marilyn Troshak.

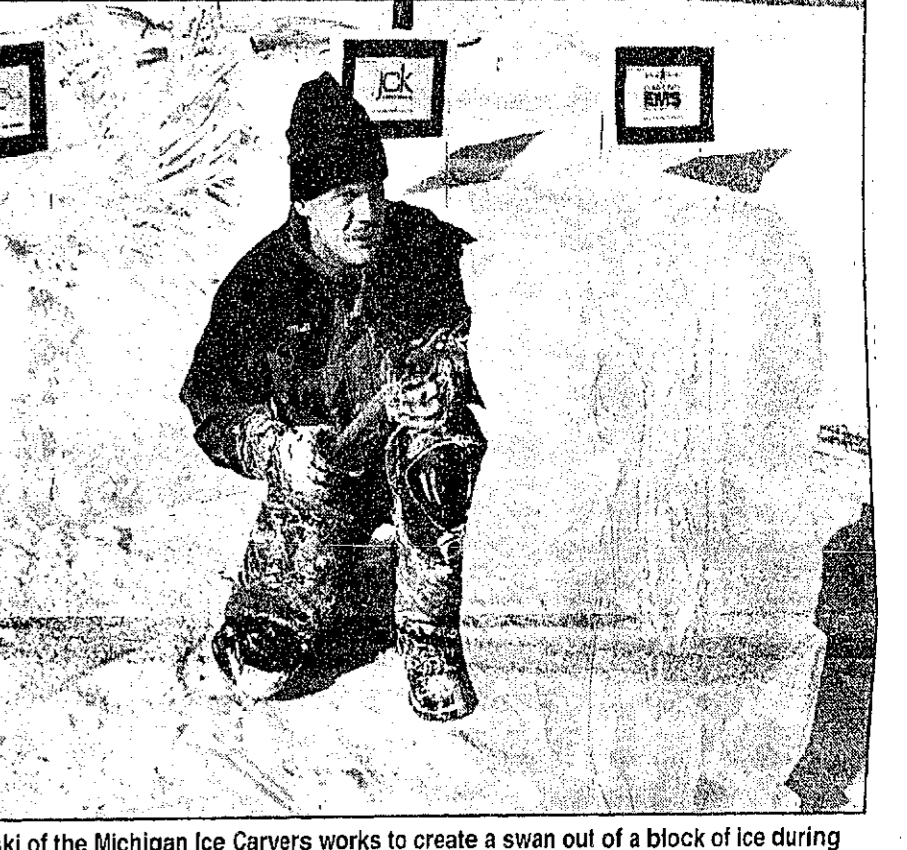
Coming in second was the judges was Mr. B.S., followed by Guernsey's with third place.
Rachwitz spent the entire day previous to the Jan. 18 festival whipping up the delectable six-gallon batch.
"Rocky is a very talented chef. Because of his experience, his expertise in the area, he was able to pull off something different," Campbell explained.

"I think it was something that pleased the mainstream."
Campbell was complimentary about all the chili served up by the competing restaurants, but his palate was particularly impressed by the offering of the Doubletree Hotel's Oak Grill.
While he didn't win any awards, Chef Eric Pietila spent two days cooking up 12 gallons of chili featuring meat from game animals such as those found in the Southwest: wild boar, venison, buffalo, wild duck and rattlesnake. Other ingredients included Juniper-

smoked bacon, chocolate, Habanero peppers, Jack Daniels, heaps of fresh herbs, 12 different types of peppers, four types of tomatoes, his own fresh venison sausage and acholote seed paste.
Pietila said the only meat readily identifiable, by sight at least, was the winter-colored servings of rattlesnake.
"I just wanted to make something truly different, typifying the flavor of the west. I try to get the public experiencing wild game," he said.

While Pietila agreed with Campbell that his chili might have been too exotic for the average American, Novi adults — and kids — lapped up eight gallons of the stuff, enjoying what the chef called "a slow, subtle burn."
Of course, there's more to the Chilly Willy Festival than eating, at least for some people.
Finger-nipping cold made few interested in the Snowball Softball Tournament, which was canceled.

However, with all that good packing snow, the sculpture contest went on. The Fraser family took first place, followed by the Ibez family.
In the Super Score-O, Greg Burkhart won a family four-pack to a Detroit Vipers game.
First place in the Euchre Tournament went to Tom and John Crutchfield, second place to Ryan and Scott Pfeiffer. Each team took home a four-person pass to Waterford Oaks Park's mega-snow slide. "The Fridge."



Matt Sokolowski of the Michigan Ice Carvers works to create a swan out of a block of ice during the festival. He was the only carver working in the cold and many gathered to see his technique.

PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER



Young painter Katie Shinkel works on her piece inside the warm Novi Civic Center Saturday Kids were given the opportunity to work on paintings and other craft projects during the fest.



Since the cold weather made outdoor activities unpopular, some decided to stay indoors, like euchre players (from left) Penny Thomas, George Toloff, Jason Meyers and Chris Toloff.



Jay Jylka helps his daughter Sarah, 3, with a hockey puck shooting contest.

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Kids show love of Beanie Babies

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

They're cute, they're portable and they're cheap.

They're also invading the school rooms of Novi elementary schools, causing teachers to plan a strategy to combat the little creatures.

So the second grade teachers at Orchard Hills Elementary declared Jan. 16 "Beanie Baby Day," and used the cutely little things as the basis for math and reading assignments.

"The kids kept bringing them in, so we were trying to think of a way to bring them in and never see them again," said Cathy Braman.

In all, the four classrooms contained 494 Beanie Babies using them as a basis for writing stories and making log graphs.

In Braman's class, the students discovered the dog baby was the most popular, with the cat and the frog baby tied for second.

Beanie Babies have become the

latest trendy toy in a series that began with Cabbage Patch dolls in the early mid-1980s and progressed to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in the early 1990s, explained Braman.

"They are so neat because they've got their own world," said second grade Mike Harrell.

The animals are floppy creatures from the wild, filled with beans and coming with their own name-tag, describing their personality in rhyme. They cost about \$5.

In keeping with the name-tag theme, each student made their own and hung it around their neck for the day.

"I love to play shocker. I like to ride my bike, I like to eat green beans," read Nicholas Tsangaris' tag.

A fiercer sentiment with the kids at the end of the day read: "As of Monday, January 20, 1997 please keep all Beanie Babies safe at home. Our day is just too much for them."

The day the stores did not sell Beanie Babies

By ADAM DOSTER

One day I was walking home from school when I saw kids crying outside the toy store. I asked someone what was going on. He said "The store won't sell Beanie Babies." "Why I asked?" "I don't know," he said. The next day, I told my Beanie Baby, Sly, this. He thinks he should teach them a lesson. So we went to the toy store

the next day. Sly came to life and scared them silly. Now they sell Beanie Babies for 50 cents. The End.

Orchard Hills student Adam Doster penned this tale as his assignment during Beanie Baby Day last Thursday.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Orchard Hills second grader Casey Arrington poses with some of his 27 Beanie Babies during the school's Thursday celebration of these stuffed animal toys. Kids brought in all their Beanie Babies, then displayed, wrote and analyzed their collections.

HEALTH NOTE

by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.

STRETCHING THINGS A BIT

Stretching is a very important part of any exercise program because it is the best way to improve flexibility. And, it is flexibility that enables us to operate up to the full range of motion for which our muscles and joints were designed. The trick to stretching is to not overdo it. When a muscle stretches farther than it is capable of going, a phenomenon known as the stretch reflex kicks in and the brain tells the muscle to contract. The idea, then, is to stretch as far as possible without triggering the stretch reflex. That is, stretching movement should not continue past the point of feeling tension. Every stretch pushes back the point at which the stretch reflex is stimulated.

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Unresolved issues back at state

Two major labor issues are back before the Michigan Legislature despite the three lawmakers spent debating them in 1995-96.

First, minimum wage. The House passed an election season hike in the minimum wage, but it died in the Senate Labor Committee, chaired by Mike Rogers, R-Brighton.

Reason: House Bill 4180 lifted the restaurant server's minimum wage, which is pegged at 75 percent of the base minimum, or \$2.52. Business argued that servers, with tips, were making far more than the minimum, and that no hike for servers was necessary.

This year, Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, introduced Senate Bill 1 to raise the minimum wage from \$3.35 to \$5.15 an hour. It would mirror the federal minimum wage change enacted by Congress last year. His bill reportedly didn't touch the server's \$2.52 minimum.

SB 1 was denounced immediately by the National Federation of Independent Business when it went to its first hearing before the Senate Labor Committee last week.

"Most businesses on the state payroll pay above the minimum wage in order to attract and retain quality workers," said Charles Owens, NFIB state director. "However, small businesses currently exempted under federal law should have the flexibility to determine wage levels that the current Michigan law provides."

"Small business owners believe the marketplace, not the government, should determine the wages and prices of business and commerce."

Federal law doesn't apply to firms with less than \$500,000 in gross receipts that aren't in interstate commerce.

WORKERS' COMP

Second issue is workers' compensation reform.

Last May Rogers got his SB 895, aimed at cutting fraud in workers' compensation, through the Senate on a 21-16 party-line vote, but it died in the House Labor Committee.

Rogers said his bill would halt fraud and "wouldn't cost injured workers a penny."

"If that's all it did," replied Democrat Ken DeLuca, who said to an agreement, "we could come to an agreement." But DeLuca said Rogers' SB 895 tried to overturn two court decisions, rewrite workers' comp eligibility standards, retroactively terminate benefits for those paid under the old standard, and generally was rammed through by the GOP majority without giving Democrats time to study the measure.

And so workers' comp is back as an issue.

The Small Business Association of Michigan is making its reform a

1997 legislative priority. "Recent court rulings are threatening to drive costs even higher and drive away employers," said SHAM's Ann Parker, director of government affairs.

SHAM is calling on the Legislature to "end abuses and close loopholes that drive up workers' compensation costs. She cited Court of Appeals and Supreme Court rulings that have approved claims for workers who:

- Are able to return to work but who refused to do so because they chose to live in other states.
- Who developed mental problems from ordinary events of employment.
- Who were injured after starting fights or being drunk on the job.

SHAM, with 8,000 members, also said benefit should be calculated on a regular work week, not on overtime or bonuses.

Got an opinion? Write to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909. If writing about the minimum wage, refer to SB 1. No bill numbers nor available yet on workers' compensation.

MESC DIES

Gov. John Engler last month signed an executive order abolishing the four-member Michigan Employment Security Commission and transferring policy power to agency director F. Robert Edwards.

Engler acted after the state Supreme Court refused, 4-3, to hear a challenge of his reorganization of MESC. Member Paul Folciello, a Democrat from Novi representing labor, was lead appellant in the case.

MESC was created by law in 1936 to administer unemployment benefits and to provide employment counseling. Engler's order transferred the agency from the old Labor Department to the new Jobs Commission.

DNA RECORDS KEPT

State Police may now keep DNA (genetic) records on people convicted of heinous crimes under laws sponsored by Rep. Gerald L. Rymouth. The package was signed by Gov. John Engler earlier in January.

The laws require records to be kept on convicted murderers and kidnappers, even if they are juveniles. They prohibit the release of a state prisoner without the taking of blood and saliva samples.

"The serious crime rate for juveniles in this country is skyrocketing," said Law, "and we must let teenage criminals know we won't coddle them anymore. The police have a new weapon in their fight against crime. They will save more cases and do so more quickly."

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE NOVI BUILDING AUTHORITY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, January 13, 1997, the City Council of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 21, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended, adopted the Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of the Novi Building Authority, as hereinafter set forth. Said Amendments will be filed with the County of Oakland Clerk and the Michigan Secretary of State, as required by said Act.

Said City Council hereby GRANTS THE RIGHT TO QUESTION THE VALIDITY OF SUCH AMENDMENTS IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION WITHIN SIXTY (60) DAYS AFTER THE LAST ABOVE FILING TO BE ACCOMPLISHED AFTER SUCH TIME SUCH AMENDMENTS SHALL BE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO BE VALID.

Further information including the time of the above filings may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE NOVI BUILDING AUTHORITY

These Amendments to Articles of Incorporation of the Novi Building Authority (the "Authority") are adopted, signed and acknowledged by the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan (the "Incorporating Unit"), for the purpose of amending its Articles of Incorporation originally adopted on March 6, 1965, which formed a nonprofit municipal building authority under the provisions of Act 31, Public Acts of Michigan, 1948 (First Extra Session), as amended (the "Act"), Article III, Section 4 of Article IV and Article X of the Articles of Incorporation are amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE III

This Authority is incorporated for the purpose of acquiring, furnishing, equipping, owning, improving, enlarging, operating and maintaining a building or buildings, automobile parking lots or structures, recreational facilities and the necessary site or sites thereof, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof, for use for any legitimate public purpose of the City of Novi.

ARTICLE IV

Section 4. For the purpose of defraying all or part of the cost of acquiring, improving, and enlarging any building or buildings, automobile parking lots or structures, or recreational facilities and the necessary site or sites thereof, together with appurtenant properties and facilities necessary or convenient for the effective use thereof, and furnishing and equipping the same, the Authority, (a) after execution and delivery of a full faith and credit general obligation contract of the Incorporating Unit as provided in Act 31 of the Public Acts of Michigan (Extra Session) 1948 as amended, may by ordinance or resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the elected members of the Commission of the Authority issue its negotiable bonds in anticipation of the contract obligations of the incorporating unit to make cash rental payments to the Authority and may pledge the receipts from such payments for payment of said bonds and the interest thereon; (b) after execution of a contract of lease which is not a full faith and credit general obligation of the incorporating unit as provided in Act 31 of the Public Acts of Michigan (Extra Session) 1948, as amended, may by ordinance or resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the elected members of the Commission of the Authority issue its negotiable bonds in anticipation of the contract obligations of the incorporating unit to make cash rental payments to the Authority and may pledge the receipts from such payments for payment of said bonds and the interest thereon; in both cases as provided by and subject to and in accordance with Act 31 of the Public Acts of Michigan (Extra Session) 1948, as amended. Bonds shall not be issued unless the property has been leased by the Authority to the incorporating unit for a period extending beyond the last maturity of the bonds and no maturity shall in any event be more than forty (40) years from the date of the bonds. In addition, the Authority shall have the power to issue such other bonds as it may be authorized to issue under the general laws of the State of Michigan said bonds to be issued in accordance with and subject to the provisions of such other laws. No bonds of the Authority shall be delivered to the purchasers thereof in any event until such time as all rights of referendum with respect to said bonds or any contract between the Authority and the incorporating unit shall have expired without a referendum petition being filed or, if a referendum petition is filed with respect thereto, until after an election approving said bonds and the same approved by a majority vote of the electors of the incorporating unit voting thereon.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. The Articles of Incorporation shall become effective and be in full force and effect ten (10) days after their adoption, as provided in Section 6 of the aforesaid Act 31.

These Amendments to Articles of Incorporation shall become effective and be in full force and effect upon publication as provided in Article IX hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporating Unit has adopted and authorized to be executed these Amendments to Articles of Incorporation by the Mayor and the City Clerk of the City of Novi, County of Oakland, State of Michigan.

CITY OF NOVI
BY KATHLEEN McLAELLEN, MAYOR
BY TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

The foregoing Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation were adopted and authorized to be executed on behalf of the City of Novi, a municipal corporation of the State of Michigan, by the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Novi, at a meeting duly held on the 13th day of January, 1997.

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Book Talk
The next book discussion group will be on Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Library. The topic for discussion will be *A Civil Action* by Jonathan Harr. Have the book read and be prepared to discuss it with the group.

Education Notes

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus, is offering the following workshops:

- Self-Esteem, Saturday, Feb. 8

The workshop, which costs \$25 and is open to the public, will meet in the campus J building, Room 308, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lynn Kraljick, MSW, will lead the interactive workshop entitled "Self-Esteem for Women: Growing Into Young Girls." Women's lack of self-esteem is well documented, beginning as young girls, they hide and/or lose their sense of self.

- Assertiveness, Saturday, Feb. 22

The workshop entitled "Assert Yourself," costs \$25 and is open to the public. It will meet in the campus J building, Room 308, from 9:30 to 12:30 p.m.

Lynn Kraljick will also lead the interactive workshop. Women are often raised and given messages by society to be passive. For further information on these workshops and other program offerings, call the Womencenter at (810) 471-7602. OCC's Orchard Ridge campus is on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

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Newspapers

Business urges a change in educational thinking

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Quit being snobbish about the university degree.

Stop thinking so much in terms of two-year and four-year degrees, and think more of "education on demand."

Thirty Oakland County business leaders gave parents and community college leaders consistent advice about how to prepare young people — and middle-aged employees — for the high-paying jobs of the future.

"There's pressure on kids to go to college — a stereotype," said Greg Sander, vice president of Ring Screw Works, said Monday at a business forum held by Oakland Community College trustees.

"There are lots of jobs where a 19-year-old can make \$30,000 a year and by the age of 30 make \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year," said Sander, urging attention to "the

basic hands-on guy who generates the product that generates the revenue."

Al Pope, Chrysler's government training executive, said business thinking is opposed by a tiny group in Oakland County. "They're very vocal. They go to all the hearings. Their criticism is that you (business) use kids and throw 'em away. They say, 'Our kids are not business schools.' They're very vocal," said Pope.

With OCC Chancellor Richard Thompson chairing, the business leaders urged college attention to such needs as multi-skilled health care providers and retail managers who sell goods and services to 4.4 million people in the metropolitan area.

"Firefighters' work is changing, said Richard Marinucci, chief of the Farmington Hills department. "Now, 65 to 70 percent of the activity is EMS (emergency medical service) because we're seeing a

decline in fires. But the 'homogeneous' new houses in northern and western suburbs present a special challenge to firefighters requiring training he added.

Michael Shkowsky, chief executive officer of Providence Hospital, said basic literacy is a stumbling block to developing staff that can handle groups of jobs in the business office and patient care.

"We want an environment with active learners," said K mart training manager Paul Petruyka. "We focus on management's interpersonal skills." Many at the table nodded when Petruyka said people lose their ability to communicate as they acquire more technical skills.

Sander of Ring Screw said American workers need to "operate in a cross-functional team. The American population is individually centered on achievement. The Japanese reward team work. We are trying to break down the me-me attitude.

Sometimes we have to drag individuals along kicking and screaming."

Sam Yorio, owner of the International Hotel and Convention Center and a former OCC trustee, said the metro area is a melting pot of ethnic groups. "But there is a lack of knowledge of other ethnicities. It would be very helpful if OCC would take the lead" in multi-cultural training.

"People are coming here from around the world," agreed Pat Landreth, president and CEO of Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, calling for sensitivity and diversity training.

Also agreeing was Radwan Khoury, of the Arab-American Chaldean Council. He said many professionals with degrees from foreign universities face problems finding work here.

construction or skilled trades here, or electricians. We're going to have to put on programs for skilled trades, or we're not going to have losses."

"There's a serious problem in the skilled trades with minorities, women and African Americans," agreed Irving Litkestone, former United Auto Workers union vice president and now a professor at Wayne State University. He told of a UAW program years ago in which white retirees visited kids in inner city neighborhoods to tutor them in preparation for passing exams to enter the skilled trades.

"I don't know how feasible that is today, but it's worth exploring," said Bluestone. "It can't be sporadic," said state Rep. Robert Price, D-Pontiac, saying kids in Pontiac need to be taught an appreciation of technical areas. "It doesn't exist in Pontiac Central or Pontiac Northern (high schools). I think OCC can do a better job."

OCC Trustee Anne Scott, who operates a personnel business, taught a nerve when she observed there's no one from

State views competition among utility companies

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Say "competition" and everyone around state government nods.

Try to achieve competition in the public utility realm, however, and the nods change to frowns of doubt.

Reason: Electric companies have invested megabucks in transmission lines. If you decide to buy electricity for your home or factory from a cheaper but far distant source, what happens to the local utility's investment in transmission lines? How much does the local utility deserve to recover for its long-term investment?

That is a central question as the Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) opens the 1997 debate on the biggest change in utility regulation since 1929, when the state granted monopoly service areas to electric companies.

"The movement from a regulated, monopolistic environment to a deregulated, competitive environment seems inevitable," says a pamphlet from Detroit Edison Co.'s state governmental affairs office.

THE PROPOSAL
Gov. John Engler's Jobs Commission proposes that the PSC "promote competition in our electric utility industry" over the next five years.

The PSC suggests "1) all customers should be eligible to participate in the emerging competitive market, and 2) rates should not be increased for any customers — and should be decreased, where possi-

ble."

This year, 2.5 percent of customers would be choosing their own electric providers. Somewhat, utility debt would be refinanced by bond legislation.

All industrial and commercial customers would be able to select their own providers by 2001; all residential customers by 2004.

Rates for "captive customers" would be capped during the transition period.

TWO REACTIONS
Homeowners and renters should treat the plan with "healthy skepticism," said David L. Shultz, an attorney for the Residential Ratepayers Consortium.

"Freezing base rates at levels that are already excessive will only insure that residential customers continue to pay too much to their electric utility during a transition," Shultz said.

"Big customers, called the Michigan Coalition for Consumer Choice in Electricity, said the PSC plan is "a helpful framework" that "needs further improvements."

"Other states are moving much more quickly," said the group, which includes General Motors, Ford, Upsilon, Dow Chemical and other industrial users.

COMPLEXITIES
Detroit Edison Co., serving mainly southeastern Michigan, points out that monopolies were granted to avoid duplication of power plants and transmission lines.

"Utilities must raise huge amounts of capital, often requiring

\$4 of plant investment to produce \$1 of revenue," says Edison's position statement. Customers pay a "tariff" that covers:

1. Customer costs — billing, meter reading, etc.

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So from Edison's point of view, the big issue is called "stranded investment" — the bond and interest payments and depreciation on transmission lines that must be covered, even if customers buy from another utility. Edison suggested "stranded investment" costs "may be unrecoverable in a competitive environment" if customers buy from other generators.

Edison's solution: "Ensure that those customers, on behalf of whom the system was built, continue to pay for those investments. Otherwise, remaining utility customers would be unfairly expected to pay the remaining balance on these investments."

Nationwide, utility companies have invested about \$600 billion in plant and equipment. About one-third of that total could become "stranded," Edison says.

"Competition in the electric utility industry will likely occur first in the generation end of the business," according to Edison. "A re-examination of current rate of return regulation is being called for. In a competitive market, there should be no subsidization."

Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure

A community-built play structure is being planned to honor former City Council member Tim Pope. Planning team members will be meeting with children, parents, teachers and other community members to gain ideas. The spring 1997 construction of the playstructure will bring together a vast cross-section of the community.

Below is a list of ways that you can become involved. Please return your completed form to the Novi Parks and Recreation office, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI, 48375. Thank you in advance for your support.

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Press travels to see exchange student

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Novi High School and life in small-town America will be the topic of a story in a Danish newspaper now that two Danish journalists, assigned to tag along with Novi High foreign exchange student Michael Stahr Nielsen earlier this month are back on the Jutland Peninsula.

"We wanted to tell the story of a Danish exchange student in America. To follow Michael to see his everyday life with his eyes," said reporter Louise Sorenson. She said most stories about exchange students are told after the person has returned from the foreign country.

DENMARK
Population: 5.1 million (1990 figures)
Size: 16,633 square miles, the size of Massachusetts and New Hampshire combined
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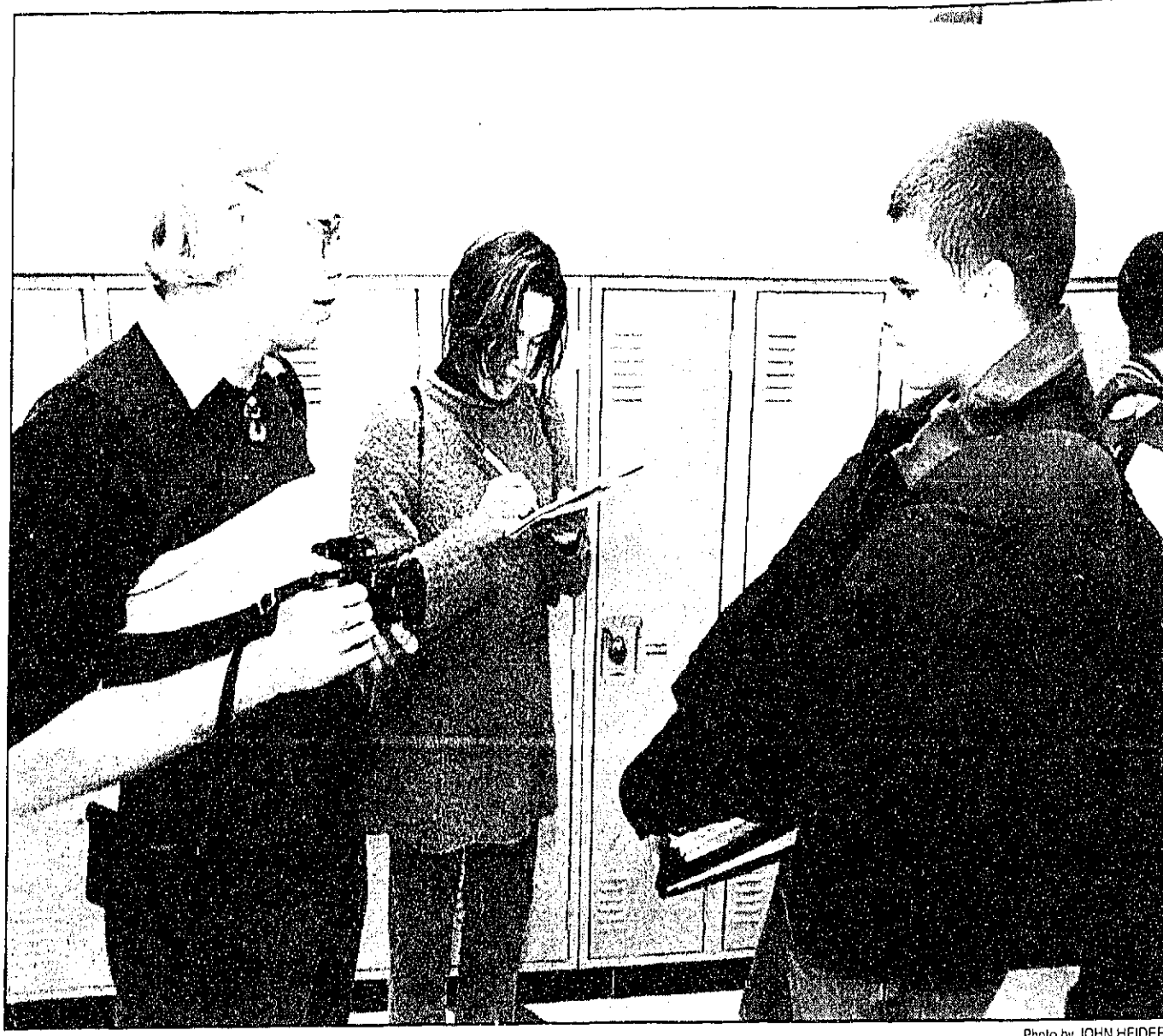
For their latest topic, they are exploring the successes and frustrations involved in being a foreign exchange student. Another set of reporters was interviewing a foreign exchange student encountering problems with her assignment in Arizona, while Bech and Sorenson learned about the successful match of 16-year-old Michael and his family, the Thales, in Novi.

He said moving to Novi to stay with the Thales wasn't hard at all.

"Just like that I was part of the family," said Michael, who will spend the rest of the school year with Anne and Bill Thale and their daughter Liz, a junior at Novi High.

Playing football was one of the reasons Michael decided to do a foreign exchange. He played American football in Denmark as a member of a small club and dreamed of playing in America. American football is not a popular sport in his native country.

Michael was able to play on the Varsity team at Novi High as a linebacker, and misses the sport now that the season is over. In Denmark, the clubs play football



Louise Sorenson and Lars Bech traveled from Denmark to interview exchange student Michael Nielsen.

What it takes to host student

Hosting a foreign exchange student is a good way to bring a taste of another culture into a family and to develop a long-lasting tie to someone who lives overseas.

According to Gilcoet Levenbach, with the Program for Academic Exchange, it requires the ability to open up your home and your hearts to the student. Love, support and sometimes discipline are just as important as the room and board a family can provide.

Students who arrive in the United States are eager to adapt to the lifestyles and rules of the family, because they've chosen to be there, he explained.

Students pay for their own plane ticket, insurance and personal spending money. Host families provide the food, shelter and family guidance.

For more information on foreign exchange programs, call Levenbach at (313) 453-8562.

The newspaper focuses so much on the Danish youth because when the paper first started they realized they needed to do something to gain young readership.

The pair in essence work for a news bureau that provides the stories to the paper. The bureau focuses on young reporters writing about the youth issues.

The group said it's much easier to talk about sex, drugs, drinking and other sensitive topics in Denmark.

"They're talking about subjects that are taboo here," said Lovilette.

"We have to take a far and against stance all the time so the teenagers can choose. Make their own choice," said Sorenson.

"We write about something that goes on in youngster's lives," said Bech. "Some of the parents want to know what concerns the youngsters."

demically because of his studies in Denmark.

Back home Michael's mother is a school janitor, his father is a butcher. Michael doesn't work at a fast food restaurant back home to earn extra money, he cleans fish in the harbor.

Michael has dreams of playing college football but if he doesn't go

to college or technical school, he will probably go into the army.

Bech said the biggest difference he noticed at Novi High is the amenities the school offers. In Denmark, schools don't provide such as radio courses, television production, the student newspaper and athletics.

In Denmark, if you want to play

sports you must join a club, he explained.

The photographs and observations should give Danish teens a good idea of what America is really like, they said.

"I think we can show there's not a big difference between school and a student's daily life in Denmark and America," said Louise.

Improvements on tap in Metroparks

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Nine million visitors will see big capital improvements at some of the newer Huron-Clinton Metroparks in 1997.

The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority board gave 7.9 approval last month to a \$42 million budget - same as the current year.

It will put a hefty \$10.9 million into capital, up 6 percent to 26 percent of the total.

Biggest project: The family aquatic center at Indian Springs Metropark in White Lake and Springfield townships in northwestern Oakland County. The multi-year, \$10 million project will consume \$3.2 million in 1997 alone.

Target opening date is May of 1999, said controller David L. Wahl. Work in 1998 will consist of completing the pool deck, shade structures, rock work, landscaping, irrigation, fencing, bridge work, and paving the road and parking lot.

"Once this project is under construction, the capital improvement area should return to a more normal level over the next few years," said Wahl's budget message.

Other 1997 capital projects:

- Lake Erie Metropark, at the mouth of the Huron River in southern Wayne County - \$500,000 for a shoreline trail and \$550,000 for marina dock utility renovations. The marina is proving one of the most popular facilities in the metropark system, said spokesman Dave Moilanen.
- Metro Beach on Lake St. Clair - \$1 million for a west boat

launch. Environmental groups have fought the project, saying it will harm marshlands. Final approval is up to the Department of Natural Resources.

Huron Meadows south of Brighton in Livingston County - \$200,000 for a share of Malty Lake Road costs.

Kensington, oldest and most popular of the 13 metroparks on a 99 west of Milford - \$16,000 for a pesticide loading and storage building.

Stony Creek, north of Rochester - \$36,000 for a salt storage building.

PRICES UNCHANGED
Vehicle admissions will remain unchanged in 1997. \$15 regular for the season, \$8 for seniors 62 or older, \$3 on weekends and holidays, \$2 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, free on Wednesdays.

Boat launching fees also will be unchanged: \$18 regular for the season, \$9 for seniors, \$4 on weekends and holidays, \$3 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, free on Wednesdays.

Corporate discounts of 20 percent are available for purchasing 50 or more Passes for 1997 went on sale Dec. 1.

Most popular of the 13 parks, judging from anticipated operating revenue, are Kensington, \$2.2 million; Metro Beach, \$1.7 million; and Lake Erie, \$1.5 million.

They are followed by the three small parks northeast of Ann Arbor - Dexter, Delhi and Hudson Mills, at \$950,000; Willow and Oakwoods on the lower Huron

River, \$932,500; Stony Creek, \$830,000.

Huron Meadows, with its golf course, will bring in \$804,000, followed by Indian Springs at \$616,000; Lower Huron, \$328,000; and Wolcott Mill in northern Macomb County, \$68,100.

A new director will take over Jan. 11 when William P. Sherman retires after 10 years with the system. Frank L. Sudek was promoted from deputy director.

BUDGET, JOBS FLAT
Wahl said the 1997 operating budget will be almost identical to 1996's. Some \$21.2 million, about half the general fund budget, will come from a property tax rate of 0.2236 mills. Voters approved 0.25 mills in 1990, but it has been paid down by the state tax limitation amendment.

Property tax revenues will be up 5 percent - 2.8 percent due to inflation in assessments, 2.2 percent due to new construction.

Vehicle admissions and other operating revenues produce about one-fourth of all operating funds: \$10.3 million, up 3.5 percent.

Wahl said admission estimates are affected by weather and, in the case of Metro Beach, by 1994's pollution spills.

Metro Beach should experience a 5 percent (\$70,000) growth in revenue as we move further away from 1994," he said. Lake Erie golf revenues grew at a solid 8 percent, but pool revenues there declined 6 percent in 1996.

Not shown in the general fund budget are about \$2 million from oil and gas royalties from Kensington Metropark. Segregated into a separate budget, they will be used for supplemental major maintenance items, notably Metro Beach's water system.

Employment will remain virtually flat: 187 full-time and 743 part-time or seasonal workers. Major operating cost hikes will be an expected 10 percent rate increase in health care and 12 percent more for pensions, Wahl said.

ICMA covers the five counties of Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and Macomb. Each county sends one board representative, and the governor appoints two members. Current chair is Thomas S. Welsh of Macomb County.

RV show set to come to the Novi Expo Center

One of the largest displays of its kind in North America, the Detroit Camper and RV Show has been a metro Detroit tradition for over 30 years. The exhibition on Feb. 8-16, will mark its tenth appearance at the Novi venue.

The twice-yearly event is sponsored by the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds and features all types and sizes of recreational vehicles including folding campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, truck campers, and fifth wheels. Nearly 30 dealers from Southeast Michigan will display at the show.

Alan Trammell, a four-time winner of Baseball's coveted Gold Glove award, will join the MARVAC this winter in promoting the industry's camper and RV shows. Trammell will appear in all of the association's radio, TV and print advertising.

According to Bill Sheffer, MARVAC director, "Alan Trammell adds another dimension to our advertising. He's a credible

celebrity and well known as a gentleman both on and off the baseball field."

Born in California in 1958, Trammell has been with the Tiger association for all of his major league career that began in 1976. The shortstop made his home in Bloomfield Hills with his wife, Barbara, and their three children.

The show is held at the Novi Expo Center, located just south of I-96 at the Novi Road exit. The show will be held Feb. 8-16, and is open Monday through Friday, 2-9 p.m.; Saturdays, noon-9 p.m.; Sundays, noon-6 p.m. Highlights for the show include 1997 recreational vehicles, free RV and campsite information, down prizes, service information, accessories, and supplies.

The cost for admission is \$6 for age 13 and up; \$1.50 for 6-12 years; kids 5 and under are free.

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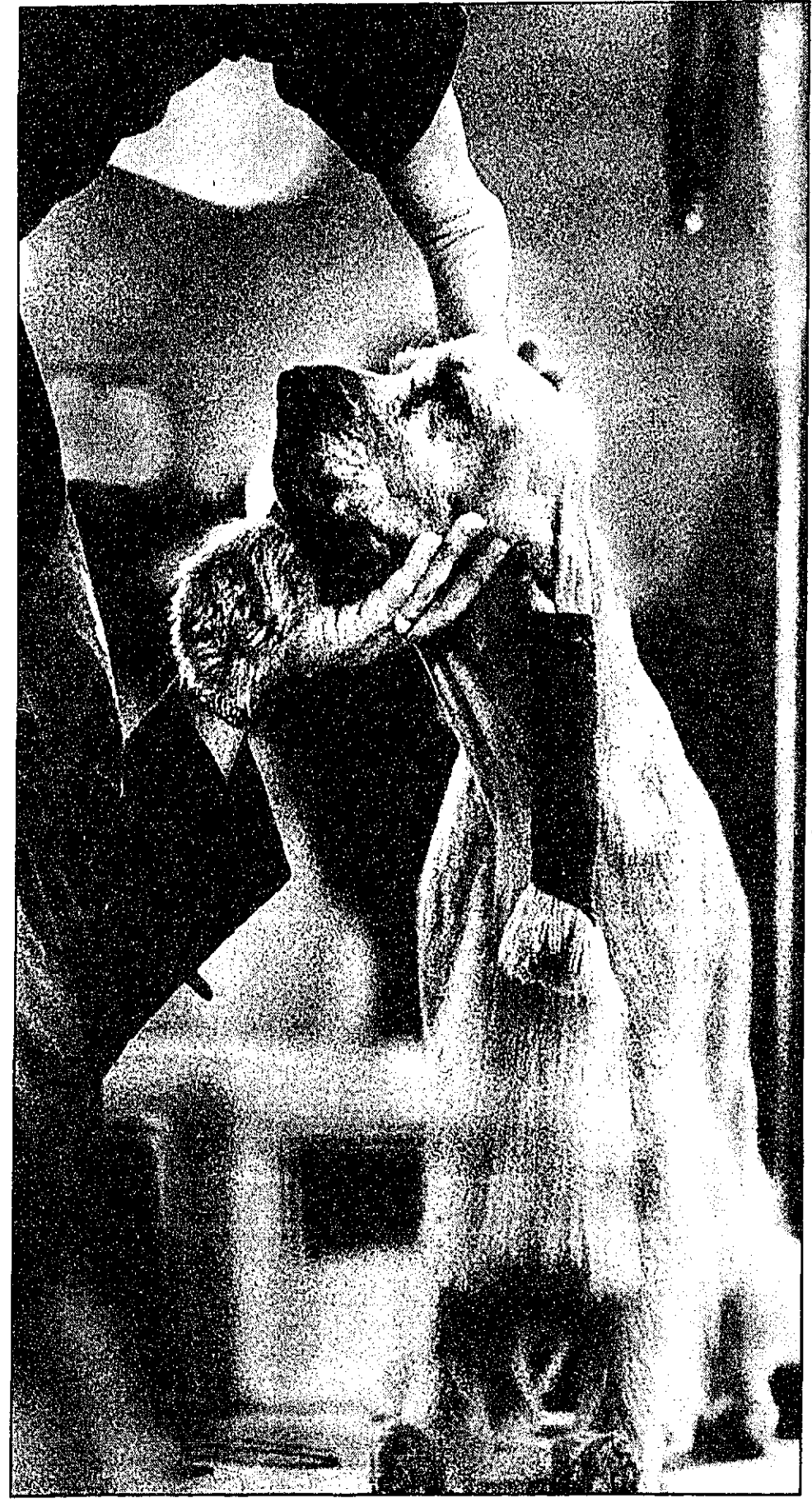
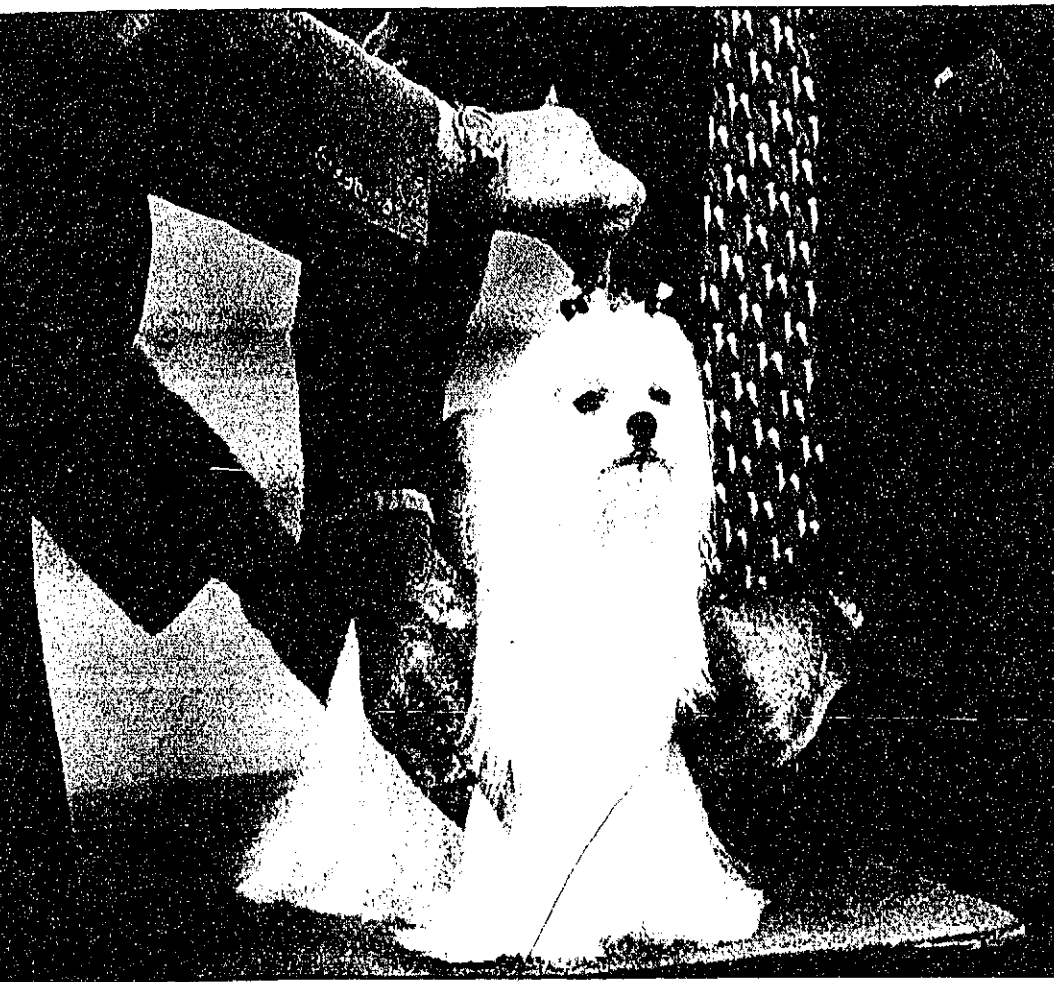
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Going to the dogs
"Taffy", an English Cocker Spaniel, owned by Kay Schwein, shows off for the judges at the dog show at the Novi Expo Center this past weekend. Above left, Carey Wagner and Lisa Arnet take extra care of "Coco" before going before the judges. The dogs on show seem to take a special pride, left, when being examined by the judges.



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McLallen outlines city's year ahead

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braces for a major transformation and Main Street actually happens, McLallen said. Keep an eye on the construction, the mayor added. New buildings around town are going to be impressive.

"It's as though a whole town center came up overnight... Now we're beginning to get some state-of-the-art architecture which is a tribute to people feeling confident in the community," McLallen added.

Redevelopment is a new word for Novi, the mayor said, but get used to it. Older businesses in Novi will remodel to catch up with the new-

runners.

One thing in the cards for this year is a new commercial building for the old Novi Plastics Plant site on Grand River Avenue. That business was destroyed by fire in 1989 and the land has been vacant.

Other enterprises, such as Glenda's Market, also on Grand River, are expanding and renovating.

Under McLallen's category of redevelopment could also come the preservation of local history sites. Expected soon will be the transfer of the Friesz Farm from the ownership of the Novi school district to the City of Novi, she said. The city's task will then be to find ways

to restore and reuse the buildings.

Beyond that, another old landmark will find a renewed lease on life. The old Novi Methodist Church on Grand River Avenue will be moved to a new location on Berk Road. There, it will return to its former role as a house of worship, as the Oakland Baptist Church restores the building, McLallen said.

In the past, people at city hall used to cringe as new industrial developments bypassed Novi for on-lotting businesses to town, that's may not be happening so much anymore, the mayor said.

"We think the tide's turning. American Isuzu (Diesel) is leaving a Nine Mile place they've been renting and now doing their own building in Meadow Ridge Park," McLallen said.

"Since the OST ordinance was adopted this fall, office service technology, three major companies are looking in Novi."

A maturing Novi is also becoming a center for more than just shopping. Education and medicine are catching up, offering services to residents here, as well as from surrounding communities.

McLallen said the city takes pride in its schools, as well as the

expansion of Walsh College, Novi's first higher educational institution. Medical facilities such as Providence Hospital are expanding. DMC will build a rehabilitation center this year and Sinai Hospital has plans for a major medical center near Haggerty Road, she said.

McLallen kicked off her speech with a video of vintage Novi photos, illustrating how radically the local world has changed since Novi incorporated as a city 28 years ago.

"The restless pursuit of excellence is a never-ending challenge, but Novi's record of success is so strong that I am reminded of a



Mayor Kathleen McLallen

Still only half set to get endorsed state diploma

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

As it now stands only 46 percent of the Class of 1997 at Novi High School will graduate with the new State Endorsed Diploma, although 88 percent of the students received Michigan Educational Assessment Program test (MEAP) endorsements based on the old system, according to Novi High officials.

Students took the new High School Proficiency Test in March of 1996 and results released in September indicated that less than 30 percent of students managed to score high enough in all four sections of the test to earn an endorsed diploma.

Thus, nearly 70 percent of the students retook at least one portion of the proficiency test in September. Recently, released results show proficiency success in 21 percent of the students who retested the math, 47 percent who retested the reading, 49 percent who retested the writing and 20 percent who retested the science.

Tom Evans, assistant principal at Novi High, said the most recent information from the state was

somewhat incomplete and much of the analysis was done by the high school itself.

According to the Michigan Department of Education, statistics are still being compiled to figure the statewide success of the proficiency test retests and overall endorsements.

Without the state analysis, Evans said many administrators in the area are wondering what perspective to have on the scores.

"That still leaves 51 students needing to retake one test, 39 students who need to retake two tests and 71 students who need to retake three or more tests in order to earn the endorsed diploma, according to the data."

These students will have the opportunity to retake the tests again when the Class of 1998 takes the proficiency test in the end of the month. According to Evans, these students are determined to clear the last hurdle.

"The students seem to be putting forth a good attitude on taking the test and making it this time. The students who had suc-

cesses last time are feeling even better," said Evans. "But there's no question there's some anxiety and frustration on the part of some students."

The Class of 1997 is the first to have taken the new standardized test, and is the only class able to use their MEAP scores in place of the proficiency test. These students were not required to take the test. At Novi High only one student out of 326 students opted out of the test last year.

As it stands now as a result of the March test and September retests:

- 76 percent (230 students) reached proficiency in math.
- 67 percent (201 students) reached proficiency in reading.
- 70 percent (212 students) reached proficiency in writing.
- 58 percent (175 students) reached proficiency in science.

The proficiency test was a new exam for high school juniors in 1996, replacing the old Michigan Educational Assessment Program test and is meant to be more challenging.

Novi students now prepare for proficiency test next month

Although test results for the MEAP and the High School Proficiency Test are in, that doesn't mean a break for students at Novi schools.

Novi High School is preparing for the 1997 High School Proficiency Test coming up Jan. 29 through Feb. 4. The schedule for classes for the time of the test is as follows:

- Jan. 29 - Juniors report for testing at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast for juniors is served at 6:50 each morning before the test sponsored by the Novi Optimist Club. Seniors report for a class meeting at 7:30 a.m. All other students report at 10:24 a.m.
- Feb. 3 - Juniors report for testing at 7:30 a.m. All other students report at 10:24 a.m.
- Feb. 4 - Juniors report for testing at 7:30 a.m. All other students report at 10:24 a.m.
- Jan. 30 - Juniors report for testing at 7:30 a.m. Sophomores report for a class meeting at 7:30 a.m. All other students

report at 10:56 a.m.

- Jan. 31 - Juniors report for testing at 7:30 a.m. Freshman report for a class meeting at 7:30 a.m. All other students report at 10:24 a.m.
- Feb. 3 - Juniors report for testing at 7:30 a.m. All other students report at 10:24 a.m.
- Feb. 4 - Juniors report for testing at 7:30 a.m. All other students report at 10:24 a.m.

Fifth and eighth graders will take the science, and writing MEAP March 3-11.

Traynor said the High School Proficiency Test re-test results from the fall came in last week but are still being analyzed.

The HSPT replaced the MEAP for high schoolers and instead focuses on writing across all academic areas.

Schools review test result

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on the math and 59.3 on the reading.

Math concepts tested in the MEAP include fractions, measurement, statistics and probability, problem solving and logical reasoning, communication and estimation.

Reading passages focused on fictional stories and informational selections.

Traynor said she is pleased with the test, and indicated that for all the talk about "teaching to the test" instead of "teaching to learn, it hasn't been a problem for Novi.

"You don't teach to the test, but you test what you teach," is her philosophy, she said.

"Our curriculum is based on what the state recommends and what we feel the kids need," Traynor explained.

She added that on national assessment tests, Novi students achieve above average scores, indicating the teaching and learning must be more than just preparing for the MEAP.

Law makes sex offender list public

By RANDY COBLE Staff Writer

Should you have the right to know if a convicted sex offender is living in your town, on your street, or maybe next door to your house? Public opinion polls show that most but not all people say yes. Wherever you come down on this one, the bottom line is that very soon you'll have that right, courtesy of the state of Michigan.

Gov. John Engler this week is expected to sign legislation passed by the state Legislature last month that will make police lists of convicted sex offenders available to the public. That includes people convicted of everything from child molestation to rape.

The new bill is an amendment to a law passed in 1994 requiring persons convicted of certain felony sex crimes to register their new addresses with the Michigan State Police whenever they move. Both the law and the amendment are modeled after "Megan's Law."

Seven-year-old Megan Kanka was raped and murdered several years ago by a man living next door to her New Jersey home. The offender was a convicted sex offender.

After her death Megan's parents led the fight to get the law which bears her name passed. They say that police and the public should know when sex offenders, many of whom repeat their crimes, move into town.

Curry Law agrees. Law, R-Plumouth, is the state representative from Michigan's 20th District, which includes Northville Township and the Wayne County section of Northville. He voted for the law in 1994 and the amendment in December.

Also voting in favor of the new bill was Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, who represents the Oakland County area of Northville.

"People want to know if these people are living next door to them or on their streets or in their neighborhoods where their kids play," Law said. "The statistics are clear that these are not usually isolated incidents. The vast majority of the people who commit these type of crimes do it repeatedly."

"That's true, but requiring sex offenders to register isn't the right solution to the problem," says the American Civil Liberties Union. The organization's Michigan branch opposed the law and the amendment. Nationally, the ACLU is waging legal battles in several state and federal courts to have such laws overturned.

The group offers several arguments against forced registration, including:

- Such laws are unconstitutional. The Fifth Amendment says that no one can be punished twice for the same offense. Mandatory registration of someone who's done the time for his crime amounts to "double jeopardy."
- John Roberts, executive director of the ACLU's Massachusetts branch, put it this way in a written statement: "Once you do your time your punishment should be over, and this really continues to punish people."

Another opponent of sex offender registration is Melvin L. Watt, a Congressional Democrat from North Carolina who opposed a federal version of Megan's Law in March.

"It's underlying assumption is that once you have committed one crime of this kind, you are presumed guilty for the rest of your life," Watt said. "That, my friends, is contrary, whether we like it or not, to the constitutional mandates that govern our nation."

• Second, while they sound good the only real effect a law like this will have is to drive those convicted of sex crimes "underground" once they get out of prison. That reduces the chances that they'll try to "go straight."

Michigan state Rep. David Gubow opposed making the list public.

"The idea of registration is a good one. Law enforcement can watch them. But this bill raises the question of whether they would register or not. It will have a chilling effect," Gubow said. "These people have done their time. They've won the right to go back to society."

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As We See It

Playgrounds never looked like this

You and I never got to play on playgrounds like this when we were kids. In fact, the play area to be constructed in Novi's new sports park is so different from the old concept of a "playground" that a new word has to be used to describe it - a "playstructure."

Warren Jocz and Glen Bonaventura are heading up the effort to build the Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure in the park at Eight Mile and Napier roads. And the playstructure is a pretty impressive piece of playground equipment.

We won't go into a description of the structure in detail here, since this newspaper will be publishing a number of articles about it the coming weeks, but it ties a series of play facilities into one huge structure - swings, slides, sandboxes, etc. they are all there. It's handicapped accessible. It has a special area for toddlers, where they can be fenced in for safety.

And it includes a sitting area for parents to relax while they watch over their youngsters.

A youngster could get lost in all that play area for a very long time ... and he or she wouldn't mind at all.

The design is the work of Leathers & Associates of Ithaca, New York.

But to bring it off - getting the tools and materials as well as actually putting the playstructure together - they are going to need help. And to do it all by mid-June, they'll need lots help.

Taking the plunge

Let's make one thing very clear, government is not about making a profit. That's called business.

So if you don't see a potential profit in an Aquatic Facility for the city of Novi, should that rule it out as a project? No. That's what city government is there to do, address the needs which private sector businesses cannot profitably address.

For example, there's no profit in having a National Guard. There's no profit in welfare programs. But they are needed, at least at some level. So it falls to the federal government to provide them.

The same could be said of a city pool.

Pool advocates in Novi have indeed been waiting a long time to get their need addressed. And frankly, now seems to be the time.



Recreation

Leathers has put the cost at some \$130,000. Jocz and Bonaventura figure they'll need up to 500 people to help out, working on everything from organization and collection of materials to actually using a hammer on site. The construction itself will be the culmination, and of course will require the largest number of workers. For five days, volunteers will be on site actually doing the construction.

Without a doubt, it's a good cause. It's definitely worth getting involved and helping out. Not only will it be a great asset for the community when it is finished, being on the site during the construction is likely to be pretty enjoyable too ... the closest thing to a community barn raising you are likely to experience in this modern age.

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Novi going high-tech

Novi is out to attract some new high tech industry. And that's just what the doctor ordered.

Greg Capote, senior staff planner, is taking up the job of running Novi's Economic Retention, Attraction and Expansion Program. Over the past few years, Novi's development has tilted toward the residential and commercial side. Industry and particularly high technology industry have not been well represented in the list of incoming businesses.

Capote is out to change that. And the effort makes a great deal of sense. High technology light industrial facilities are great additions to the community. They typically use few services and usually are relatively non-intrusive neighbors. In the meantime they provide a much needed tax base to

provide the services citizens here have come to expect.

Considering the amount of land Novi already has set aside of light industrial uses, why wouldn't you want it to be used for high tech facilities? It seems to us most residents in town don't dispute the need for more light industrial or high tech uses, although they may differ over the specifics of individual projects.

Capote emphasizes two areas in which his program can concentrate this year. The first is conducting a survey of businesses to identify needs in the city. The second is to get development information to those firms interested in coming into Novi.

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Have you spotted them?



Jan Jeffres

Have you seen these people around town lately? They may need professional help, but they're in denial.

The Mall Rats
Doomed by lack of imagination, they aimlessly drift like zombies through Twelve Oaks Mall, floating in and out of the stores, several times a week.

The Vic-addicts
Lured by the gourmet food, they haunt the aisles of Vic's World Class Market several times a week, gorging on food samples. The Vic-Tim is unable to stop loading his or her shopping cart with portable mushrooms, faraceto bread and mozzarella cheese made from the milk of a buffalo.

Cure: Lock the addict up for one week in a 7-11 Store.

The Web Page Spinners
Just because they can - and have access to the technology - they create their own World Wide Web sites, on inspirational topics like "My trip to Orlando, with a compendium of each meal I ate" and "My gall bladder operation, with color pictures to document."

Cure: Neuter the web spinner's mouse.

The Local History Buffs
Obsessively stuffed with local facts, they can tell you all the latest gossip - from 1827:

"It seems one of Novi's first pioneering women, Violetta Talt Hungerford, entered the city's first annual Chevy Willy Tobacco Contest, against her stodgy spouse's advice. Violetta out-expected all competitors in the long-distance category by at least 15 miles, while her husband stood on the sidelines muttering "No, Vi," "No, Vi."

Cure: Bungee cord the history buff to a Bar-colourer and force feed with six reruns of "The Oprah Winfrey Show," bringing him or her back to the 20th Century, girlfried.

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In Focus

By John Heider



Johnnie and Dale McDonald of First take a look at the Leader Dogs for the Blind exhibit at this past weekend's Dog Show at the Novi Expo

Thoughts about patriotism

Batten down the hatches, troops: I do believe I'm gonna wax philosophic this week.

In case you missed it Monday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Here in Northville we honored it for the fourth year in a row with a silent walk downtown.

I've been to all four King walks and each year I find myself thinking about his place as an American patriot. Why do I use that word? Because King continued a

fight that's been going on since the Pilgrims set sail: the struggle for liberty.

Most of the people who've ever lived haven't had rights. In their worlds the biggest and the strongest made all the rules. Over the centuries, though, a few folks began to stand up and say, "Hey, bubba, that's not the way things should be."

The idea is that there's something better than the survival of the fittest. You have the right to certain things just because you are, not because of who or what you are.

"Government, as Thomas Jefferson pointed out in the Declaration of Independence, only exists to secure those rights. Right after that he added that "whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it."

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Standards making schools better



Phil Power

There was a fair amount of hand-wringing last week when the results of 1996's Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) tests were released showing a slight decline from previous years.

Math and reading tests were given last fall to fourth and seventh graders statewide. The Michigan Department of Education released the scores, which were printed in detail for your school district in last week's edition of this newspaper.

Some findings and comments:
• Statewide math results were down a bit more than reading. Maybe the fact that the test was given on Sept. 30, two weeks earlier than the mid-October date in previous years, meant that students, returning from a summer of fun and forgetting, lost two useful weeks for review.

• Around 1,500 students from 33 charter schools took the MEAP tests for the first time. Overall, results for charter schools were worse than for public schools, with more charter school students earning low marks than satisfactory.

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education may be a good idea, as charter advocates claim, but pretty soon charter schools are going to have to put up or shut up. If charter test results continue poorly, it might be a good idea to slow down the rush to charter all those schools now in the pipeline.

Interestingly enough, just a few days after the MEAP test results were released, Education Week, a respected trade newspaper, issued a report on the nation's schools which concluded that overall they were "riddled with excellence but rife with mediocrity." Staff spent a year assessing state school systems on 75 indicators such as academic standards, school climate, support for teachers and funding.

Michigan's report card was mixed. We received a D for school climate, which includes things such as class size, student-teacher ratio and teacher views about violence in schools.

Quality of teaching, measured by the percentage of teachers who hold degrees in the subjects they teach and the number of newly graduated teachers from accredited colleges, drew a C.

Michigan rated a B-plus for adequacy of funding. (Michigan spends \$5,779 per student, less than the nation-leading New Jersey at \$8,537.)

When it came to standards and assessments, however, Michigan rated an A-

minus, based mainly on the fact that we measure pupil performance in math, English and science and hold districts accountable for results.

Wading through all this data is an excellent cure for insomnia. But the main points remain very clear:

First, the best way to improve our public schools is to improve them, not destroy them as some pro-charter ideologues would have us do.

Second, the best way to improve school performance is to set out clearly what we expect kids to learn and then assess what in fact they do learn. Publish the results, district by district and building by building. And then hold everybody - school boards, superintendents, principals, teachers, parents and kids - responsible for making improvements.

Third, the best thing for Gov. John Engler, the Michigan Legislature and the State Board of Education to do right now is adopt a tough, thorough, realistic, mandatory statewide curriculum for all schools. Caving in to the know-nothings and the local control freaks is no way to help our kids learn to compete in a tough world.

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Submit letters to: Editor, The Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167

Novi Youth assistance community survey/needs assessment

Novi Youth Assistance is very interested in your opinion as it reflects the thinking of our community members and the needs of our community. Novi Youth Assistance is a small group of local citizens whose main purpose has been to raise funds solely with volunteer labor from our organization to: provide family education programs, provide a summer activities center for the youth, coordinate a PLUS program, send children to camps, sponsor a youth recognition event, and provide funds for scholarships. We need your opinions to help us decide if Novi Youth Assistance should: concentrate our efforts in new directions, drop some projects or expand the services already provided.

This Needs Assessment will be important to the future directions of Novi Youth Assistance. Thank you very much for taking the time to respond to this needs assessment. It is not necessary for you to sign your name and telephone number, but should you choose to become a volunteer with Novi Youth Assistance, please complete the information below. This information will be submitted to the membership chairperson.

- Have you ever heard of NYA? If yes, how? If no, go to No. 4.
 - Newspaper
 - Teachers, counselors
 - Fund Raising Events
 - School flyers, newsletters
 - Parenting programs
 - Others, please explain
- What is your image of NYA?
 - Only for troubled kids
 - Camps
 - Fund Raisers
 - Counseling
 - Parenting programs
 - Scholarships
 - Youth Activity Center
 - Others, please explain
- Please rank the importance of the following services to the community. Use the numbers 1 to 6, with 1 being the most important and 6 being the least.
 - Sending kids to camp
 - Funding and operating a youth center
 - Parenting education classes
 - Fund-raising events (i.e. Bowl-a-Thon)
 - Plus (similar to Big Brother/Big Sister)
 - Counseling Services
 - Youth Recognition Awards
 - Diversity Education Teaching of Ethnic Cultures, Handicap, etc.
 - Run-away Shelters
 - Sex Education in Schools
 - Sufficient Child Care Facilities
 - Youth Job Opportunities
 - Public Transportation
 - Sidewalks
 - Parenting Programs
 - Domestic Violence Shelters
- What are some social problems in Novi that you feel are most in need of attention.
 - Vandalism
 - Shop Lifting
 - Teen Pregnancy
 - Breaking and Entering
 - Loitering
 - Drug and Alcohol Abuse
 - Unemployment
 - Child and Spouse Abuse
 - Curfew Violations
 - Racism
- What are the services that are lacking in Novi?
 - Public Housing
 - Year Round Teen Center
- What resources in Novi have you utilized?
 - Novi Community Education
 - District Court
 - Clothes Closet/Fish
 - Novi Parks and Recreation
 - Community Food Bank
 - Another Way Pregnancy & counseling Center
 - Service Organizations (i.e. Optimist, Lioness, etc.)
 - Novi Schools Special Education Department
 - Novi Youth Assistance
 - Churches
 - PTO's
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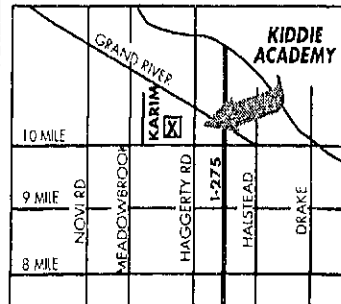
This form may be returned in several ways: given to your child to return to school, mailed to Novi Youth Assistance, dropped off at Novi Youth Assistance, or faxed to Novi Youth Assistance.
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MONDAY, JAN. 27

- 10:00 a.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
- 10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
- 11:00 a.m. — Good Health: Nursing Homes
- 11:30 a.m. — First Time Homebuyers
- 12:00 p.m. — Coffee and Conversation: Lighten Up
- 12:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
- 1:30 p.m. — Cash Talks
- 2:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Copper Creek
- 2:30 p.m. — Fantastic Musical Memories
- 3:00 p.m. — (con't)
- 3:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 4:00 p.m. — Rising Tide GOP TV
- 4:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
- 5:30 p.m. — Creature Feature
- 6:00 p.m. — (con't)
- 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
- 7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
- 7:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
- 8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Business Succession
- 8:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
- 9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

TUESDAY, JAN. 28

- 10:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations: The Crossing
- 10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
- 11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Business Succession
- 11:30 a.m. — (con't)
- 12:00 p.m. — Summit University
- 12:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ
- 1:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
- 2:30 p.m. — Critter Connection
- 3:00 p.m. — Travelin' On: American West
- 3:30 p.m. — U.S. Extreme Snowboarding
- 4:00 p.m. — (con't)
- 4:30 p.m. — Rock Soup: Project 29
- 5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
- 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
- 6:00 p.m. — Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council
- 6:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 7:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
- 7:30 p.m. — Cash Talks
- 8:00 p.m. — (con't)
- 8:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
- 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29

- 10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
- 10:30 a.m. — Fantastic Musicals Memories
- 11:00 a.m. — (con't)
- 11:30 a.m. — (con't)
- 12:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
- 12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth,

and The Life

- 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
- 1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
- 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now
- 2:30 p.m. — Crisis in the Modern Family: Long Term Care
- 3:00 p.m. — (con't)
- 3:30 p.m. — Groove Session
- 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
- 4:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
- 5:00 p.m. — Creature Feature
- 5:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 6:00 p.m. — Dr. Success Presents: Power of Success Thinking
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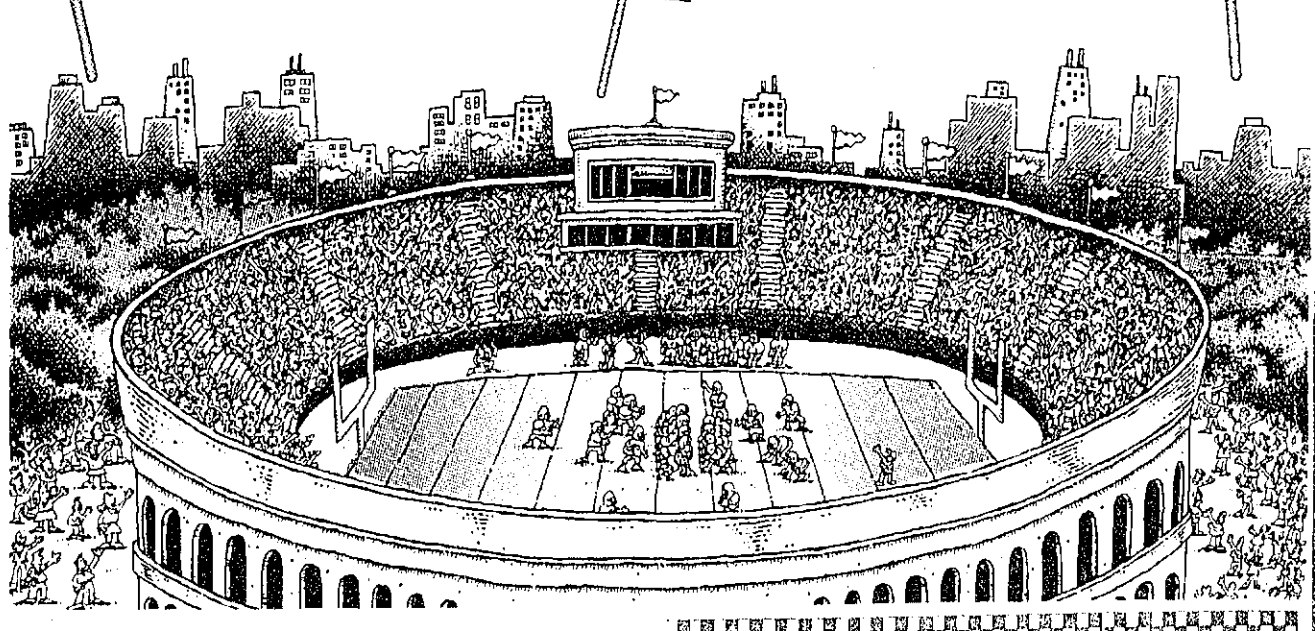
THURSDAY, JAN. 30

- 10:00 a.m. — The Job Show
- 10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
- 11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
- 11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
- 12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
- 12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine
- 1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise
- 1:30 p.m. — That's Italian
- 2:00 p.m. — Good Health: Nursing Homes
- 3:00 p.m. — The Light to the Nations: The Crossing
- 3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
- 4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Business Succession
- 4:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
- 5:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 6:00 p.m. — Women on the Move: MichUHean
- 6:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 7:00 p.m. — Mountain Ski Series: Extreme Ski and Snowboard
- 7:30 p.m. — (con't)
- 8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live
- 8:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
- 9:00 p.m. — Creature Feature
- 9:30 p.m. — (con't)

FRIDAY, JAN. 31

- 10:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Business Succession
- 10:30 a.m. — (con't)
- 11:00 a.m. — Lansing Connection
- 11:30 a.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
- 12:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
- 12:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
- 1:00 p.m. — Critter Connection
- 1:30 p.m. — Groove Session
- 2:00 p.m. — Cash Talks
- 2:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy
- 3:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
- 3:30 p.m. — To Be Announced
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What's in a name?

From founding fathers
to property lines, here's how
some area street names
came to be

Once you're familiar enough with a city or a route to and from work, you hang a left on this street and a right on that without giving it much thought. It's almost as if the car were on automatic pilot and there's no need to read the street signs.

But have you ever thought about how the street names came to be?

In Northville, many streets are named after founders, former city council members and mayors.

Dunlap, Hutton, Cady, Johnson and Gardner streets were all named in honor of founders, according to Northville Fire Chief Jim Allen.

Allen Drive, Reed, Welch, Canterbury, Langfield and Ely were all council members or mayors of Northville.

When the family has been in the area a long time it becomes harder to determine which of the family members a street was named after.

Northville Historical Society member Diane Rockall, who is currently researching street names, sometimes uses the era of the development of part of the city as a clue to narrowing down which family

member a street was likely to have been named after.

The founding fathers were more likely to name streets after themselves, according to Rockall.

In Novi, street names usually came about because of location. The streets, which were once horse trails, cow paths or wagon trails, often bounded a family's property and connected various farm properties.

Some street names came about

because they were known by the name of either the property owner who had the most road frontage or because of the destination, according to Kathy Mutch, Novi

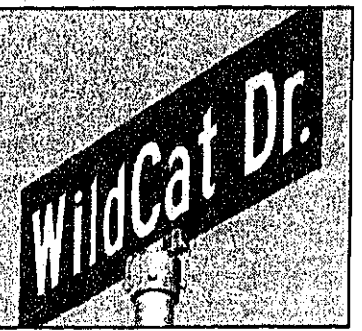
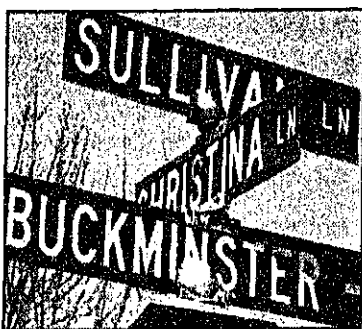
City Council member and president of the Novi Historical Society.

"The road that we know as Novi Road in this century was

known as Novi Road from Grand River south and as Walled Lake Road north of Grand River," said Mutch.

"That is very common in small towns." Mutch said. "They were known by the destination, where they led to."

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After completion of the renaming process, which lasted several months, Joe DiRado officially installs the new sign to Brickscape Drive, formerly known as Old Novi Road.

Good-bye Old Novi Road, Hello Brickscape Drive

Old Novi Road is no more. The street is still there, of course, but it has been renamed Brickscape Drive.

The renaming process, which began nine or 10 months ago, came to completion in mid-December, when Joe DiRado, the co-owner of Brickscape Home & Garden Showplace officially installed the new sign on the post at Eight Mile Road in Northville. The Old Novi Road sign will remain on the post for about six months.

"It has always been hard to know how to get down here," said DiRado who opened Brickscape exactly 10 years ago on Jan. 1. "We knew that was the only way to do it."

To rename the road, DiRado had to get either the permission of the other landowners on the street or acquire all the property. He chose the latter.

Since Old Novi Road is a county road, DiRado

then needed to get the approval of Oakland County. Before the county would give their approval, they had to verify with both the cities of Novi and Northville that the street name did not conflict with any existing street names. Next, DiRado submitted and received approval for his request from both cities.

Prior to the change, DiRado said his mail was often delayed because the sender did not include the word "Old" in the address.

DiRado will consult with a landscape architect to begin improvements in the landscaping, particularly to the road.

"We're confident that we can make it look like a park atmosphere," he said. "A parks and rec atmosphere lies in with the business."

Rainbow Recreation, which sells swing sets, will remain at its site on the new Brickscape Drive, a location it has had for two years.

Local street names and their history:

Novi:

Country Lane Drive - Located in Oak Ridge Place, the name was the result of a brainstorming session by everyone who worked on the development with Amar Chawney, architect, builder and developer.

Kartar Drive - Located in Village Wood Place, this street was named in memory of the father of the developer, Amar Chawney. Kartar is another name for "the Lord."

Roethel Drive - Mayor Romalme Roethel, the first woman mayor. Her husband was the chairman of the planning commission.

Karevich Drive - Former mayor.

Griswold - Myra Griswold owned the property which formed the boundary of the street that bears the name.

Dinser Drive - The old Wixom Road was renamed for the Dinser family from Ten Mile Road north to Delmont, which is the new name for the east-west segment of old Wixom Road.

Austin Drive - Cornelius Austin was a veteran of the War of 1812 and one of the first settlers in the lakes area. Austin owned property on both sides of Novi Road at Thirteen Mile Road.

Welfare Street - Property owner George Welfare.

Bashian - The Bashian family owned the orchard that ran south of Grand River into Ten Mile Road.

Brett - Joe Brett was a former planning commission member.

Ron Heslop Drive - Named for the last two years by the Heslop family after their successful bids at chamber of commerce auctions. The right to name the street, which is the entrance to the Novi Civic Center off Ten Mile Road by the police station, goes to the highest bidder once a year.

Wildcat Drive - The name for the entrance on the west side of the Civic Center after the high school's mascot.

Simmons Drive - The Simmons family owned the apple orchard on the property.

Grand River - Originally named because it began in Detroit and ran all the way to the Grand River in Grand Rapids, at times paralleling the Grand River itself.

Garfield Road - T. A. Garfield.

In Northville and Northville Township:

Allen - Former Mayor A. Malcolm Allen.

Reed - E. Roscoe Reed, a former clerk and editor and publisher of *The Northville Record*.

Welch - Jackson Welch.

Langfield - Conrad Langfield, active in city government, whose father established the Northville Laboratories.

Ely - C. Ely, last village president and first mayor of Northville.

Horton - Edward S. Horton, installed as the Northville postmaster in 1899.

Fry Road - William Eves Fry.

Dubuar - Charles L. Dubuar was the village president in 1893, the school board president from 1909 until 1918 and a factory owner. James A. Dubuar was the village president in 1908.

Pennell - Ebenezer Pennell was the owner and manager of Pennell and Shaw, a mill where wool was processed.

Yerkes - Robert Yerkes, the owner of Globe Furniture.

Thayer - Hirman B. Thayer was a former township supervisor and also the superintendent of the U.S. Fish Hatchery.

Beal - F. R. Beal.

Johnson - Former Mayor Dr. Richard M. Johnson.

Hutton - Lewis W. Hutton came to Northville in 1854 and was the proprietor of Hutton & Bedford, a carriage shop.

Stories by Carol Workens • Photos by John Heider

Volunteer



Daphne Richardson helps Northville's traveling seniors.

Richardson's smile welcomes travelers

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

If you've ever taken a trip offered by the Northville Senior Center chances are you've met Daphne Richardson.

Born in London, England, Richardson began volunteering with the Northville Senior Center two years ago, just six months after retiring.

"I decided I wasn't going to be one of these women who lived with my husband 24 hours a day," Richard said. "He does his thing and I do my thing. We get together for a date once a week."

As the group leader on trips, Richardson greets people as they get on the bus and makes everyone feel welcome.

"I usually try to make everybody feel they're part of the group, rather than just one person on the bus," she said. "Everybody kind of enjoys it as a group rather than as a single person

because there are single persons that go."

Richardson said that she "got to know how to handle all kinds of people" while she worked in a hotel in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands for two years.

As a group leader she'll count heads and sees to it that no one gets lost.

"I make sure that everybody who gets off the bus gets on the bus," she said.

Richardson also helps Karl Peters, director of the senior center, with anything else that needs to be done.

She is very willing to lift a hand when it's time to send out meeting notices and the monthly newsletter. If Peters needs help with the shopping for the center, Richardson is there. When it's time for flu shots, you can bet she

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It's A Fact

HOME IMPROVEMENT

There were 571 Novi homeowners receiving permits in 1996 for alterations. The estimated value of the renovations came to \$3,564,578.



Girl Scouts plan Pink Pinewood Derby

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The first meeting of the year for Novi Girl Scouts was recently held with Junior Church presiding. Reports were heard from the encampment, held last fall. Also discussed was the need for a director for this summer's local day camp "Fun in the Sun."

Girl Scout cookie sales have begun and will continue through Jan. 29 with delivery in the middle of February. If you are not contacted by a girl scout, the Cookie Cupboards will be in stores through March. Cookies are \$3 a box and include: Chaiet Cremes, Thin Mints, Samos, Do-se-Dos, Taga-Lang, Trefoils, Saps which are low-fat tree oatmeal raisin cookies, and a new cookie, Le Chip, a chocolate chip hazelnut cookie. Any questions, call Janice Curvey or Genie Dupell.

An overnight at the Discovery Zone is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 7. Leaders are reminded that Thursday, Jan. 23, is the last day to get permission slips, medical forms and money to Denise Buckley. Check-in time will be 9:45 p.m. and check-out is 8 a.m., with full supervision by the Discovery Zone staff.

The Girl Scout Father/Daughter Pink Pinewood Derby will be held on Friday, Feb. 28, in the Novi Meadows cafeteria. All cars must

be made using the official cub scout derby kit. Scouts may accept help from their dads, brothers, relatives, friends and moms. Races will start at 7 p.m. with various schools starting at 20 minute intervals. The fourth grade juniors will start and the race will finish with the seniors at 8:30 p.m. For further information, call Jeri Sunloske.

A reminder - Friday, Feb. 28, is the deadline for scouts to register for the swimming party on Friday, March 14.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Jan. 31 is the last date to purchase the 1997 Entertainment Books. There are still books available for all the editions including east, west and north. This is a fund raiser for the church and a time for families to acquire a book that will bring many hours of recreational activities. Contact the church office.

Looking ahead to the new year, a schedule has been presented by the Worship Committee. They will work to expand their music program by developing a children's bell choir. Presently, there is a youth choirster choir and an adult bell choir.

The Adult Craft Show will be held on Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Anyone interested in renting space can call the church office for more information.

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starts with a light meal at 5:30-6 p.m. and includes bible study, music, and a social time. Children in grades 1-6 have a study program "The Adventure Club" and those in preschool and kindergarten will be in "Adventureland." The program concludes at 7:30 p.m. at which time the church choir will start practice. Kathy Inamura is the coordinator of the program and Nanette Douglas is the meal coordinator. Both coordinators would welcome any assistance in their areas of the program.

The youth have a Bible study and practice their worship skills by participating in the youth choirs: the older youth have Bible study and a time for craft in addition to the development of worship skills. Adults have a study program, featuring current topic/Bible study, and a social gathering.

The United Methodist Women's Circle meetings have resumed. The Lydia Circle met at the home of Joyce Hoffman, and the Durcas Circle met at the home of Doris Richter.

The annual Craft Show will be held on Saturday, March 22 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Anyone interested in renting space can call the church office for more information.

Target, Meijers or K mart can be scheduled for Thursday.

Kevin Salechi, accordionist, gave his best performance this month in Grand Court as he is moving out of state. Also performing this month was Chester Beelle on the harmonica, Jim Lauri, keyboard, and Mike Berst played the dulcimer.

Performing on Sunday, Jan. 23 will be Frank Sternem, the Barry Maulow sound-a-like.

ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER

Special classes to start tonight, Thursday, Jan. 23, on how to help a friend in crisis, and to learn the dangers and the after effects of an abortion. The classes will be held Thursday and Friday, Jan. 23 and 24, from 6:15-10 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Novi, located on the southeast corner of Eleven Mile and Tati. The classes will conclude on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch provided. The program will be under the direction of Client Services Director Linda Foreback and Public Relations Director Julie Nordberg. For more information call 471-5655.

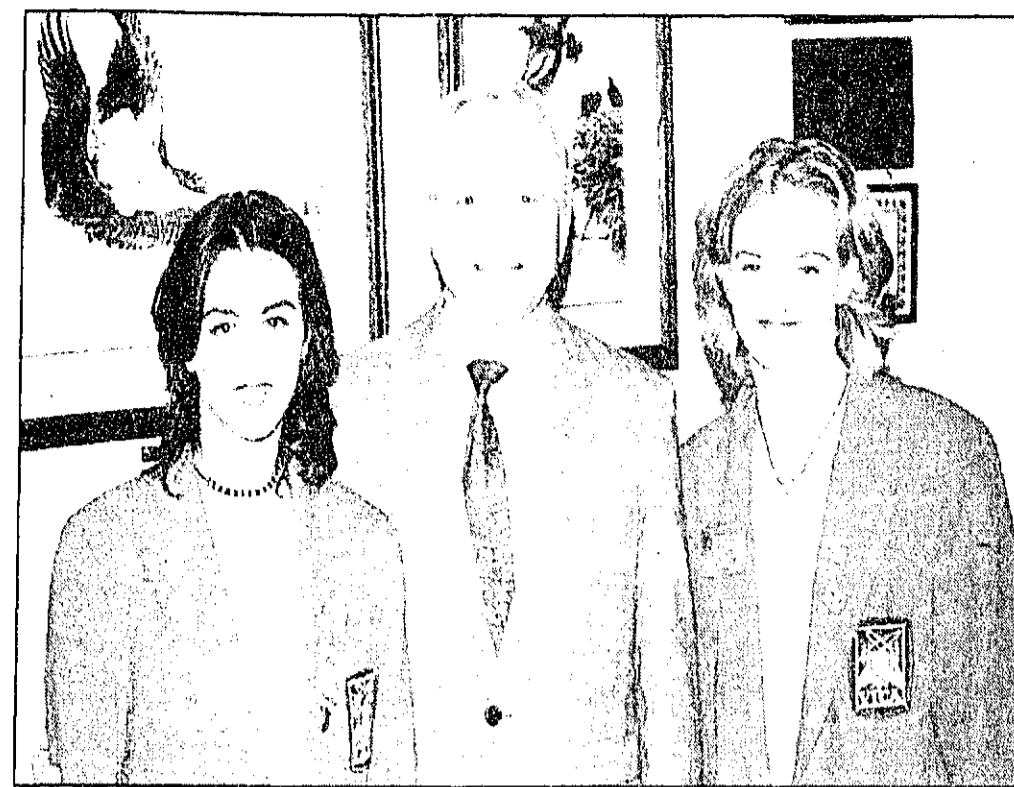
Volunteers are needed to help in the ministry of Another Way which is located at 39575 Ten Mile Road, Suite 208. Your attendance at the classes does not obligate you to volunteer service. There is no

charge for this training.

Some of the topics covered are: abstinence counseling, post-abortion syndrome, listening skills, abortion techniques, and much more. Presently a class is being held on P.A.C.E. (post abortion counseling and education) which provides assistance in recovery.

A benefit for the center entitled "Another Way - Music and Comedy Cafe" will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, from 7 to 10 p.m. The evening will include six different programs each 20 minutes long. Included will be comedy sketches by Sherry Mink; Jeff Fletcher playing Christian ballads on his 12-string guitar; Al Kresta, host of "Talk From the Heart" on station MUZ, along with daughter, Alexis, and friend, Rachel, will present music from the Beatles with two flutes and a guitar; Janice Scarlett, soprano, singing praise songs; Midnight Choir with folk music; Alysa Ray on guitar and keyboard; and the mistress of ceremonies will be Susan Krews of MUZ. The program will be held at Grace Chapel, Advanced tickets are \$7.50, \$10 if purchased at the door on the night of the performance. Refreshments of hot beverages and desserts will be provided.

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



Students visit Capitol Hill

Novi residents, Lisa Nitti (left) and Dawn Rowe met with Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R-Mich.) during their recent visit to Capitol Hill. Nitti and Rowe were participating in the Washington workshops with the

vocational education club V.I.C.A. from around Michigan and the country. The students discussed the value of vocational education programs and their important role in developing tomorrow's workers.

Versatile musician will perform at area church

Ovid Young, one of the busiest and most versatile musicians before the concert public today, will be making a special appearance at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, Feb. 2.

The free concert will begin at 6 p.m. at the Detroit First Church of Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile. Because of Ovid Young's popularity, concert-goers are advised to arrive at least 10-15 minutes early to get a good seat. Child care will be available.

A pianist, organist, composer and conductor, Young has performed in virtually every sizable city in the U.S. as well as in England, Germany, Austria, France, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Japan, South Korea, Russia, Canada, Denmark and in the Caribbean.

His nearly 7,000 concert appearances over the past 37 decades have placed him before hundreds

of thousands of musical lovers. Millions more witnessed Ovid Young on the television throughout America, Australia, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, the Netherlands and the former Soviet Union.

Young last appeared at Detroit First Church with renowned pianist Steven Nielson in a presentation of "Keyboards and Carols" for the Christmas season. Since 1971, Young has toured as one-half of the celebrated piano team of Nielson and Young. That piano duo of a quarter century has made nearly 3,500 appearances in major concert halls, on university campuses, in churches, and in other venues as diverse as television studios and ocean-going cruise ships.

As an organist, Ovid Young has played many of the largest and most interesting organs in Europe, most recently in a concert tour of

Switzerland and Germany. Young's orchestra appearances, in addition to ten years as musical director of a Chicago-area symphony, include the English Chamber Orchestra, the Soviet Philharmonic, the English Symphony, the Bohuslav Symphony, Florida Philharmonic and the symphonies of Pittsburgh, Denver, Phoenix and Nashville.

A full-time music faculty member for ten years at Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, Ill., he presently is a member of the Richardson, Texas, Church of the Nazarene.

While living in Dallas with wife Laura, near sons Kirk and Erik, Young maintains a commuting relationship with ONU as an adjunct lecturer in music. His published works may be found in the catalogs of several American publishers.

Area street names don't just happen

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"There aren't too many named in memory of someone," Mutch added. "Most are properly boundary lines or property access trails, but a continuation of a common or historical name for those roads."

Today, street names in Novi usually come about through development, according to Khanh Pham, a clerk with the City of Novi.

"Sometimes developers will come in and research the history around their development and will use names that have some historical significance," Mutch said.

Themes such as presidents, environmental names, Irish and Italian cities and counties are often used. There are also formal developers use such as making two lists of names and blending a word from one list with a word from the other to arrive at street names.

In the Echo Valley subdivision,

the blended word formula was used to create names like Parkcrest and Woodham, according to Mutch.

The street names chosen by Amar Chawney, architect, builder and developer of several streets in Novi, originated from ideas that everybody in his office suggested. The names get kicked around until one is decided upon.

The street name in a commercial development Chawney plans to begin later this year south of Ten Mile Road on the west side of Novi Road will be Ralph Ransom Court after Chawney's former professor and dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Minnesota, who is now retired.

"He is a world-famous architect," said Chawney.

The developers submit a list of names for their subdivision to Pham. If the street is a county road, Pham gets approval from either Oakland or Wayne counties

before Novi will consider the name. If the request is for a street in the city, the city handles it directly.

Pham meets with building, fire, and police dispatch department representatives in Novi when there are enough requests. Usually the group meets once every month or two.

"It is a very simple procedure," Pham said. "The only time the request is denied is if it conflicts with an existing name or would pose a safety risk."

New street names cannot be identical to an existing name or sound phonetically similar so as to avoid confusion for emergency personnel such as fire and police.

"The main thing we are trying to avoid is them sounding too similar and cause confusion," Pham said.

"Between the second and third party you don't have the time to clarify that (the spelling)," Pham said.

The residents or developer pay for the custom sign and if it gets hit by a motorist, they must buy another sign themselves or the city will replace it with a standard street sign.

entrance to the Novi Civic Center could change every year because the honor of naming that street is up for auction, there is no confusion for emergency personnel because the Civic Center has a Ten Mile Road address and the high school has a Tati address.

And if the street signs don't all look consistent in Northville, it's because the developer or individual residents have chosen to purchase their own custom street name signs, which is allowed, according to Northville Director of Public Works Jim Galloway. There is a form and an agreement that must be signed by the party requesting the fancy sign.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 389 Market St. 248-2483 (behind First of America Bank on Wall Lake Rd.) Wed 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Nursery Available 9:30 a.m.	HOPE LUTHERAN Sunday Worship 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. (for the elderly) Bible Study & Coffee 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. 39000 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills (313) 555-7173
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA 23255 Gifford Road Farmington Hills, Michigan Sunday Worship 8:30, 10:00 A.M. Sunday School 9:45 A.M. Pastor: Dennis W. Cavanaugh Telephone: (810) 474-6564	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St. Northville 349-0911 The A.C.T.S. Fall Come to Share! Wednesday evening program is planned for the whole family. It
GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Michigan Ev Lutheran Synod Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Thomas S. Schroeder, Pastor • 349-0565 9:15 a.m. Sunday School • Bible Class	OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 730 Fraser Farm Northville, Michigan 48166 Sunday 9:00 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. Church 349-2201 • School 349-3610 Rox Ann Education 349-2227
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NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY 4135 S. Main Road Northville, Michigan Sunday Worship 9:45 & 10:45 a.m. Pastor: Cliff H. Johnson Northville Christian School Preschool & K-8 349-9031	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 3451 14th & Miller & 2nd Roads Worship Services & Sunday School 9:00 & 11:00 Worship Services & Sunday School (for children) 10:00 a.m. Summer Worship 10:00 a.m. (for all ages) In Douglas Park (near the 3rd grade) Rev. Arthur L. Spothoff
NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 41671 W. Van Meter - Meadowbrook 349-2622 (24 hrs.) Sunday Worship 9:45 & 10:45 a.m. Nursery Care Available Charles F. Jacobson, Pastor Church School 9:15 a.m.	ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC 23465 Novi Rd. (between 9 & 10 Mile) Bible Study Sun 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Church Meetings Wed 7 p.m. Pastor: Lee Carpenter 349-5688 We Will Love You With the Love Of The Lord
MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 7155 Meadowbrook & Novi at 10 Mile Meets Wednesday 10 a.m. Church School 10 a.m. 349-7793 Pastor: Rev. E. Neil Hunt Minister of Music: Roy Ferguson	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI 45301 Novi Rd. (at 1st) Home of Ft. Christian School Grades 1-12 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting Wed 7:00 p.m. 349-3477 30 Gray Street • 349-3647
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10 Mile between Tati & Beck Novi Phone 349-1175 Sunday 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery	NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH Members of New City Center (on 10 Mile between Miller & 2nd Rd.) Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. Church Services 10:30 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice 7 p.m. Pastor: Richard J. Henderson, Pastor Cynthia Smith, Associate Pastor Worship & Church School 8:30 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. Sunday
WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 17001 Farmington Rd., Livonia Pastor: Dr. James N. McGuire Services 9:00, 9:15, 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. Sunday School & Nursery provided 7:00 p.m. evening service Service Broadcast 11:00 a.m. WFLR - AM 1030	FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 45301 10 Mile Novi Nov 349-3666 172 Novi Nov 349-3666 Pastor: Richard J. Henderson, Pastor Cynthia Smith, Associate Pastor Worship & Church School 8:30 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. Sunday
ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi MI 48174 Sunday 8:00 a.m. Sunday 9:30 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. Pastor: James F. Cronk, Pastor Parish Office 349-7726	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. West New City Center Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Wed Prayer Service 7:00 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. • Pioneer Circle 7 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 2405 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi MI 48175 Morning 8:30 a.m. Sun 7:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 10:30 a.m. Holy Days 9 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. Pastor: John Budzaj, Pastor Pastor Andrew Szepietz, Assoc. Pastor Parish Office 349-8847	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 21202 Farmington Hills 349-7000 (between 8 & 9 Mile Rd. near Novi Hill) Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Celebration 6:00 p.m. (Pastor provided) Dr. Carl M. Lohr, Pastor
VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD) NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL On Ten Mile near 11 Mile Road 349-2667 Sunday Worship & School 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	SPIRIT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH E.L.C.A. Ten Mile between Haggerty and Sof. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 10:00 a.m. Pastor Tom Schaefer • 477-4926
NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH/ELCA 10000 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi Sunday Worship 10 a.m. of the former Plymouth Wesleyan Church 4229 Five Mile Rd. (at the corner of 11 Mile & 10 Mile) Pastor Ken Peters 349-4918	ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 5745 Shelton Road Plymouth MI 48170 (313) 453-0100 The Rev. Roger Darby, Interim Rector Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • 10:30 a.m. • 11:00 a.m. 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Church School Accessible to all and child care available
WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH A Disciples Family Church Pastor: Nancy McAd Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. in the Comfort Inn, Macomb Room 1498 Orchard St. East of 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills MI New Year: (810) 754-9126	CHURCH DIRECTORY For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record or Novi News 349-1700

Singles

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

On Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 7:30 p.m., the evening's topic will be "Creating Yourself" with speaker Joan Feldman. Also on Wednesday, a country line dance class will be taught by Linda Laney.

Sports events for the month include bowling and volleyball on Jan. 31. Bowling is at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. The cost is \$65 plus shoes. Volleyball is held at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is \$4.

A country couples, slow dance-mixers dance class led by Jeff Groff began on Jan. 16 and runs for six weeks through February 20 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$24 in advance and \$28 at the door. It is recommended that you bring a partner.

Social activities include an Italian night at Roman's Forum on Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m., followed by a volleyball at Sevens & Shouts at 9:45 a.m. The cost is \$16 and reservations are required. For details, call 349-0911.

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

A casual Super Bowl Party is planned on Sunday, Jan. 26, at Drake's Lanes located on Grand River east of Drake Road in Farmington beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event is free if you bring a dish to pass. No munchies.

Every Monday night the group meets at the Maples of Novi on Fourteen Mile Road for euchre, pinocchle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. Cash bar and munchies are available.

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

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 23-SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

METRO DETROIT: Dearborn Heights, The Heights • (313) 274-8200 (Ford Rd. between Inkster and Breck Dairy) Livonia, Merrifield Plaza • (313) 522-1850 (on corner of Five Mile and Merrifield) Novi, Novi Town Center • (810) 349-8090 Rochester, Meadowbrook Village Mall • (810) 375-8823 Roseville/St. Clair Shores • (810) 293-5461 Sterling Heights, Eastlake Commons • (810) 247-8111 (on corner of Hall Road and Hayes Road)

Troy, Oakland Mall • (810) 589-1493 West Bloomfield, Orchard Mall • (810) 737-8080 (Orchard Lake and 15 Mile) OUTSTATE: Ann Arbor, Colonnade • (313) 761-1002 (On Eisenhower Pkwy., west of Barnwood Mall) Grand Rapids, Breton Village Mall • (616) 957-2145 (Breton Rd. and Burton Rd.) Open Sundays! Okemos, Meridian Mall • (517) 349-4008

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The Rules:

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- Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will not be counted. This restriction is designed to help avoid ballot-box stuffing. (HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner.)
- Restaurants found to be distributing ballots will be disqualified.

Mail the completed entry form by Jan. 31 to: Northville Record/Novi News restaurant poll, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms may be dropped off at the newspaper office.

When all the ballots are in, we will compile the results and publish them in the Feb. 20 issues of The Northville Record and The Novi News. The results of the Best Chef and Best Waitperson categories will be published on Feb. 27.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms will also be published in subsequent issues.

One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for two at his or her favorite Northville or Novi restaurant.

Please Note: The following name and address blank must be filled out. Ballots without this information will be discarded.

The Categories:

Best Overall Restaurant _____ Your name _____
 Best Inexpensive Restaurant _____ Street _____
 Best Breakfast Restaurant _____ City _____
 _____ Phone _____

Best Waitperson _____
 Best Chef _____
 Best Sandwiches _____
 Best Desserts _____
 Best Coffee _____
 Best Salad _____
 Best Pizza _____
 Best Burgers _____
 Best Seafood _____
 Best Ethnic Food _____
 Best Fast Food _____
 Best Soups _____
 Best Steak _____
 Best Gathering Place _____
 Comments _____

For Quick Results Call Green Sheet Classified (810) 348-3022

Fragrances topic at next meeting

The sweet fragrance of herbs and flowers will be in the air at the next Northville Woman's Club meeting on Friday, Feb. 7, at 1:30 p.m. in Boli Fellowship Hall at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main Street in Northville.

"The Art of Fragrance: From the Garden ... to Elizabeth Arden" is the subject of Samina Polgar at the meeting, which is open to guests.

Polgar has been engaged with Sanoft Beate for the past nine years as a promotional representative for the Oscar de la Renta fragrance line. She is also a past president of the Grosse Ile Herb Society and has combined her love of herbs and flowers with the commercial presentation of fine fragrances.

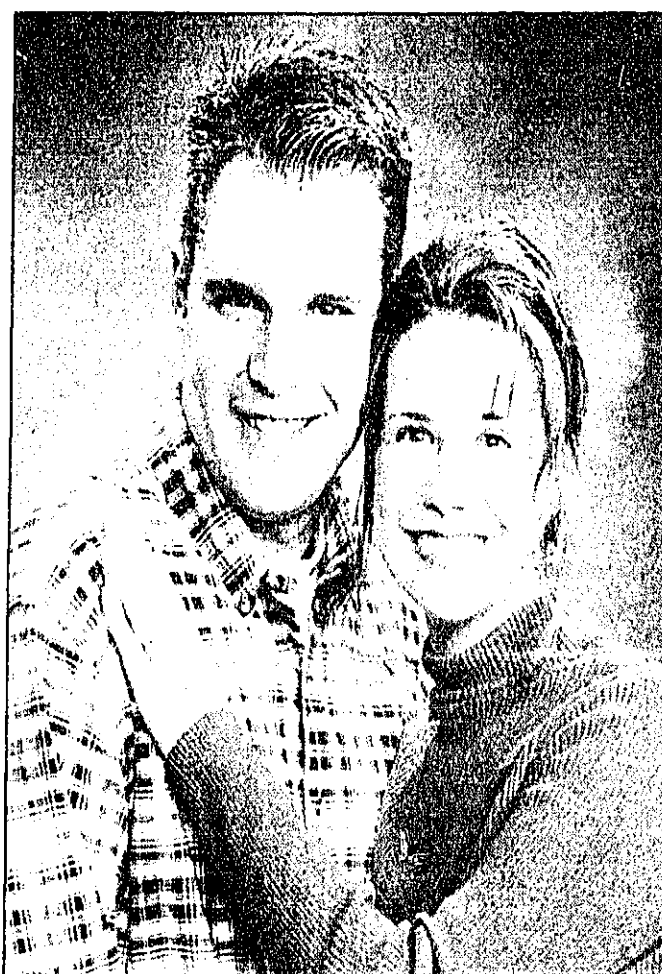
Polgar will be sharing her knowledge of herbs, flowers and fine fragrances with the Woman's Club. Polgar was named Mrs. Michigan



Sandina Polgar

International in 1994 and is the mother of three children. The chairperson of the day is Maureen D'Avanzo.

Engagements



Lawrence Yuh/Janet Duncan

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Duncan of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Janet Lynn, to Lawrence James Yuh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Yuh of Conway, S.C.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Novi High School. She graduated in 1996 from Madonna University and is employed as a textile technologist at K mart headquar-

ters in Troy. The bridegroom-elect graduated in 1989 from Crestwood High School. He is a 1994 graduate of Wayne State University, and is employed as an accountant at Phoenix Group Inc., Farmington Hills. A wedding is being planned for this month.



Gregory Southwick/Wendi Naumann

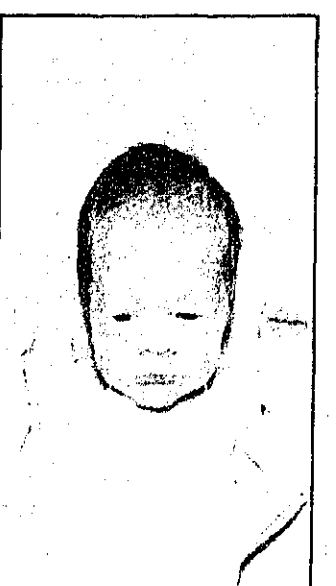
Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Naumann of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendi Michelle, to Gregory B. Southwick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Southwick of Red Creek, N.Y.

The bride-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1989, and from the State University of New York in Buffalo, N.Y. in 1993. She is a first grade teacher in Rocky

Mount, N.C. The bridegroom-elect graduated from Red Creek High School in 1991, and from the State University of New York in 1995. He is employed as a carpenter in Raleigh, N.C.

A June wedding will take place at Sacred Heart Church, Webster, Mass.

Birth



Douglas LaRowe II

Douglas and Rebecca LaRowe of Novi announce the birth of their first child, Douglas Harland LaRowe II. He was born seven weeks premature on Dec. 9, 1996, in Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, weighed 4 pounds and measured 16 1/2 inches in length.

His grandparents are Harland and Helen LaRowe of Bradenton, Fla., and James and Sandra Eto of Redford; great grandparents are Mildred and the late Russell LaRowe of East Lansing and Jerry and Norma McCauley of Laingsburg, Mich.

On Campus

Novi resident JANET M. CLY-ICK recently graduated from Northern Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in political science/pre-law.

KELLY KEARNEY of Novi was named to the Dean's List at Kalamazoo College. She was commended for her outstanding academic achievement of earning all A's during the fall 1996 quarter.

Named to the Dean's List at Hope College for the first semester of the 1996-97 school year were Novi residents ANYA E. GURSKI, senior; ANDREW E. SILL, junior; KEVIN D. SERRA, junior; and MEGHAN E. PERRY, senior.

Graduating with bachelor's of business administration degrees in business management were Novi residents SEAN SWANSON and CYNTHIA KRZYSIK. Krzyzik graduated magna cum laude.

Recognized for their academic achievement at earning a minimum 3.5 grade point average at Hope College during the first semester of the 1996-97 school year are Novi residents ANYA E. GURSKI, ANDREW E. SILL, KEVIN D. SERRA, and MEGHAN E. PERRY.

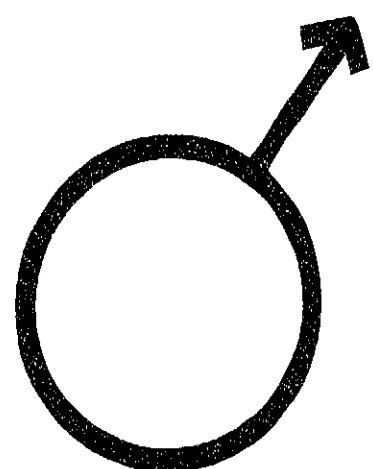
News to share?

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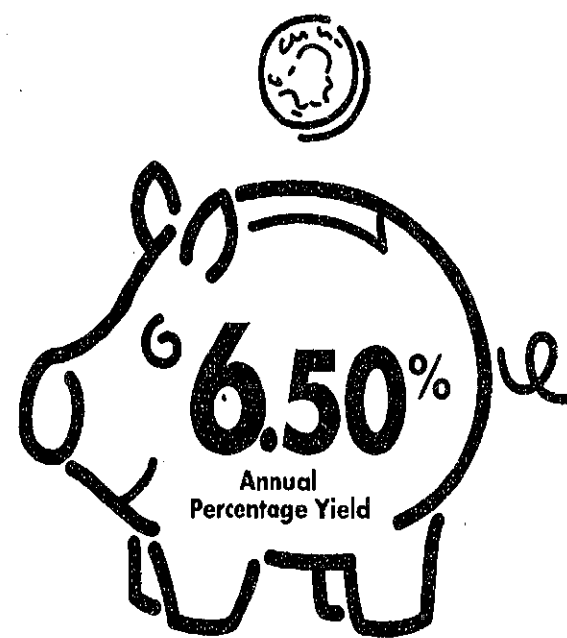
"Advances in Prostate Cancer Treatment" will be presented in two sessions, by William McLaughlin, MD, Medical Director, Department of Radiation Oncology at Providence Hospital; and Associate Chairman and faculty member at the University of Michigan.

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Patrons have a few interesting roles in talk show

By CAROL WORKERS Staff Writer

If you are blasé about watching a television talk show you might want to consider becoming an audience member for *Sophia, Let's Talk ...* at Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, located at 108 E. Main Street in downtown Northville.

Performances take place almost every Friday and Saturday night through March 18.

This season's selection has GALT, T.V. contracting Sony Bonahue to be their new talk show host. Problems arise because Sony didn't read the fine print in the contract, his manager neglected to tell him that GALT, T.V. is an all-woman production and the talk show is about to go on the air just minutes after Bonahue arrives at the studio.

Customers not selected to be interviewed by the talk show host Sophia in this interactive comedy, will still share in the laughter as the show brings new meaning to the words "talk show."

Before the show, customers are welcomed like family to a banquet by co-owner John Genitti who will either put them at ease or on the



Photo by SUE SPILLANE

David McKnight (right) plays the role of Sophia in Genitti's new show 'Sophia, Let's Talk.'

spot, before they enjoy the traditional seven-course dinner that has become the restaurant's trademark. Toni Genitti, John's better half and co-owner, will ensure that the dinner is piping hot and homemade.

After dinner, customers are escorted into the theater for more of the action.

David McKnight plays the roll of Sony/Sophia Bonahue. Duncan

Williams portrays Lerney, Bonahue's manager. The two actors who have been cast in the role of Yolanda are Laura Genitti and Dawn Marie Turner.

The role of Claire, the director of *Sophia, Let's Talk ...* has also been double cast. Rebecca Simkins and Jacquie Rundell will share the role.

The role of the crazy audience member is played by Ann Brothers.

The play is written by Michael McCafferty, Tom DeBise and the cast. Besides their roles in the show, McKnight and Laura Genitti are also the directors. The music is by Simkins and the cast.

To ask about Genitti's two-for-one Winter Warm Up Special, on Jan. 24, or to make reservations for one of the other performances call (810) 349-0522.

Entertainment listing

Submit items for the entertainment listings to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167, or fax to 349-1050.

AUDITIONS

THE BOYS NEXT DOOR: An open call audition will be held on Jan. 27 and 30 at 7 p.m. at Trinity House Theatre, located at 38840 West Six Mile Road on the northwest corner of Six Mile and I-275. The Boys Next Door is written by Tom Griffin and directed by Trudy Mason. Filled with humor and compassion, the play focuses on the lives of four mentally handicapped men and their social worker, Jack.

There are adult roles for various ethnic and cultural representations and ages. Be prepared to give a monologue, one to one and a half minutes or less, and read from the script. Scripts are available at the theater upon request. Performance dates are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. April 11 through May 4. For details, call (313) 464-6302.

TWELVE DANCING PRINCESS-ES: Auditions for *The Novi Theatre's* production of *Twelve Dancing Princesses* will be held on Feb. 4 or 6 at 4 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. The production, which is directed by Linda Weikert, is a musical for 21 males and 22 females ages 10 to 13. Audition procedure is a cold reading (script cuttings provided) and a musical number (be prepared to sing *Tinkie, Tinkie, Little Star* acappella).

After casting, the actor's fee is \$125 per production. Rehearsals will be every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 until 6 p.m. with some occasional Saturday afternoons. Performance dates will be May 16, 17 and 18. For details, call (810) 347-0400.

THE SECRET GARDEN: Plymouth Theatre Guild will hold auditions for males ages 9 to 65 and females ages 10 to 65 on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 4 p.m., and on Monday, Jan. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Hope Congregational Church, 30330 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. *The Secret Garden* is the final show of their Golden Anniversary Season. Performance dates are April 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and May 2 and 3.

Those auditioning should bring sheet music and be prepared to sing 16 bars. An accompanist will be provided.

SPECIAL EVENTS

COOKING CLASSES: Kitchen

Glamour begins a series of cooking classes on Jan. 30 with quick low fat recipes with Weight Watcher's consultant Ruth Johnson. Johnson will cook flavor-filled recipes low in fat and big on flavor on Jan. 30 at 6:30 p.m. at Kitchen Glamour, located in the Novi Town Center. No preregistration is required.

February classes include author and television personality Jacquelyn Bowman Cutright cooking for the '90s on Feb. 11. Chef Larry James with homemade meatloaves with winter veggies on Feb. 18, and Dolly Maton with Armenian traditional Middle-Eastern flavors on Feb. 25.

The series of 13 classes is \$35 or \$8 per class per person. For details, call (810) 380-8600.

VIC'S WORLD CLASS MARKET: An Australian Winemaker's Dinner will be held on Friday, Jan. 24, in Vic's Cafe from 8 until 8 p.m. The special guest will be Mike Farnilo, winemaker at Seaview Winery in Australia. The evening will include food, wine, live entertainment from 8 p.m. until 1 a.m. and a special scotch and cigar room which opens at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$60 per person.

Following the dinner in Vic's Alcove there will be an Australian Wine Tasting session from 7:30 p.m. until midnight. Included is a champagne reception from 7:30 until 8:30 p.m., food and wine stations from 8:30 until 10:30 p.m. and wine poured through midnight. The cost is \$25 per person for those not attending the dinner. Vic's World Class Market is located at 42875 Grand River in Novi. For details, call (810) 305-7333.

NEW ORCHESTRA: The first meeting of the Novi Orchestra will take place on Saturday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. until noon in the Novi Civic Center at 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. The Novi Arts Council invites all interested musicians and patrons to attend the meeting. For more information, call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at (810) 347-0400.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances held prior to select city council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner and cablecast to residents. Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc. are invited to submit audition tapes and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council. For details, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

THEATER

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILLE:

Timbers, the home of Bananas Comedy Club, is located at 40380 Grand River west of Hagerly Road in Novi. For tickets, call (313) 724-1300.

MARQUIS THEATRE: Performances of the classic *Snow White* and *The Seven Dwarfs* will take place Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 26. All shows start at 2:30 p.m. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. For details, call 349-8110.

MUSIC

THE RAVEN GALLERY & ACOUSTIC CAFE: The Raven will present open mike night on Wednesdays, all acoustic music, string instruments, horns and some jazz on Thursday through Saturday evenings. Upcoming performances include Judy Piazza on Jan. 23; Bill Boley on Jan. 24; Nutshell on Jan. 25; and Kim French on Jan. 31. The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: Performances of Genitti's new show, *Sophia, Let's Talk*, continues through March 18 on Friday and Saturday evenings. Audience members become the guests of talk show host "Sophia Bonahue" in this interactive comedy. The complete seven-course dinner and theater is \$39.95. On Jan. 24, it's two for the price of one. Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville. For more information or to make a reservation, call (810) 349-0522.

MR. B'S FARM: Tim Flaherty hosts a Blues Jam every Tuesday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile. For details, call 349-7038.

OXFORD INN: Upcoming performances feature Jocelyn B and the Detroit Street Players on Jan. 24 and 25. 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. Country Epicure Restaurant is located at 42050 Grand River in Novi. For details, call (810) 349-7770.

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 a variety of entertainment nightly except Sundays. Weekly performances are from 8:30-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For details, call 305-8629.

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road in the Holiday Inn, Farmington Hills. For details, call (810) 478-7780.

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

NEARBY

BOTSFORD INN: Parlour Theatre Production presents *Driving Miss Daisy* on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 16, at 3 p.m. at the Botsford Inn located at Grand River and Eight Mile Road. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students. Dinner and Sunday brunch are available. For details, call (810) 449-6540.

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Award-winning pianists Scott Holden and Hsiao-Lan Chen will perform on Friday, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m. at Oakland Community College's Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus, located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills. Holden was born in Michigan and Chen was born in Taipei, Taiwan. Selections included will be Chopin, Schumann, Rachmaninov and Barber. Tickets are \$17 prepaid or \$20 at the door. Tickets are available at the Smith Theatre box office (810) 471-7667 or Ticketmaster (810) 645-6666.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE: Pianist Anthony Bonanietti, a national award-winning pianist and composer, will perform on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 3 p.m. in the Livonia City Hall. The Livonia native and 1993 Stevenson High School graduate will perform pieces by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and Scriabin. Admission to the concert is free. Schoolcraft College is located at 16900 Hagerly Road, just west of I-275 between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia. For details, call (313) 462-4400, ext. 5218.

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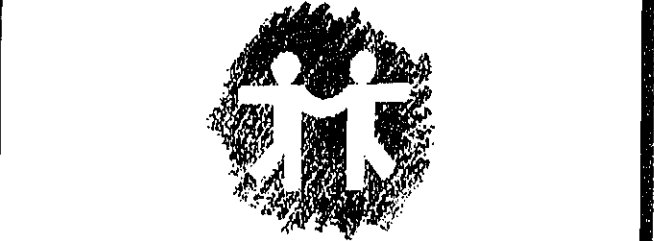
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Baptist SFW, 29, outgoing, likes reading, long trips, walks in the park, picnics, seeking loving, sincere, caring, easygoing SM. Ad# 4513

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Protestant SFW, 30, bubbly, likes cultural events, movies, singing, reading, traveling, seeks honest, caring, intelligent, employed, interesting SM. Ad# 3115

OLD FASHIONED WOMAN

Protestant SFW, 37, shy, humorous, likes Christian concerts, cooking, sewing, gardening, seeking truthful, sincere SM. Ad# 8029

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Bubbly SFW, 40, Catholic, outgoing, positive, enjoys cross-country skiing, hiking, biking, seeks truthful, optimistic, hardworking SM. Ad# 2528

ENJOYS LIFE

SFW, 50, good listener, likes travel, lotteries, Bingo, country music, bowling, seeks honest, outgoing, open-minded, drug free SM. Ad# 4578

SINGERE

Loyal SFW, 41, 5'10", full-figured, enjoys writing, walking, crocheting, meeting people, RVing, swimming, walking, TV, seeks honest, sincere, Protestant, SM, NS, who lives by the golden rule. Ad# 8008

MAKE EYE CONTACT

Lutheran SFW, 50, enjoys dancing, music, bowling, the outdoors, sports, animals, dining out, seeks fun-loving, drug-free SM, for possible relationship. Ad# 3653

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Baptist SFW, 50, outgoing, well-educated, secure, enjoys traveling, movies, concerts, plays, taking walks, reading, working out, seeks honest, caring SM. Ad# 1046

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SFW, 24, non-denominational, blonde hair, green eyes, sincere, likes shopping, positive, seeks fun-loving, caring, professional, family-minded SM. Ad# 4456

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Bubbly, humorous SFW, 44, brown hair/eyes, loves exercising her golden retriever, reading, skiing, tennis, seeks spiritual, sincere, honest, loyal SM, with good character. Ad# 3865

NEVER ON HOLD

Gentle, affectionate SW mom, 30, Catholic, enjoys camping, travel, crafts, horse, seeks open, honest, responsible SM, who loves children. Ad# 4100

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Honest SFW, 32, Catholic background, likes biking, walking the outdoors, fishing, camping, seeks honest, funny, easygoing SM, with similar interests. Ad# 7214

FAMILY-ORIENTED

SFW, 35, non-denominational, personable, enjoys time with her kids, music, sporting events, crocheting, seeks easygoing SM, who loves life & laughter. Ad# 9169

LOVES COUNTRY MUSIC

Humorous SFW, 25, Catholic, enjoys bowling, singing, camping, winter sports, seeks loving, caring, sincere, fun SM. Ad# 2867

LIKES TO LISTEN

SFW, 22, 5'6", blue-eyed blonde hair, blue eyes, loves animals, likes camping, animals, the outdoors, seeks caring, romantic, fun-loving SM. Ad# 1616

SERIOUS

Spontaneous, humorous SFW, 53, likes having a good time, enjoys cards, dancing, reading, seeks honest, easygoing SM. Ad# 2065

HUMOROUS

Spontaneous SFW, 24, 5'9", blonde, hazel eyes, new to the area, enjoys pool, opera, drawing, painting, reading, outdoor activities, seeks honest SM. Ad# 6669

HAPPY PERSON

Catholic SFW, 27, attractive, adventurous, enjoys animals, driving, the outdoors, horseback riding, seeks honest, caring SM, for possible relationship. Ad# 5259

RELAXED

SFW, 43, Methodist, enjoys Christian social activities, sailing, golf, swimming, seeking easygoing SM, to 5'11", with a Ph.D. Ad# 4065

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

Protestant SFW, 45, caring, honest, sincere, attends Christian activities, enjoys camping, fishing, walks, seeks warm, sincere, honest SM. Ad# 1951

NEW HORIZONS

Gregarious SFW, 55, Presbyterian, enjoys Christian activities, skiing, gardening, knitting, the theater, seeking outgoing, generous, fun-loving SM. Ad# 8270

CHEERFUL & FUN-LOVING

Outgoing SW mom, 21, enjoys taking care of her child, hunting, fishing, movies, dining out, seeks honest, open, easygoing SM. Ad# 7475

SINGLE PARENT

SFW, 37, Catholic, a little quiet, enjoys biking, dining out, lairs, concerts, seeks honest, spontaneous, active SM. Ad# 1013

LOOKING FOR PAMPERING

People-oriented SFW, 41, enjoys fishing, golf, the great outdoors, seeks trustworthy, fun, attractive SF. Ad# 9090

A SINGLEHE LIKERT

Baptist SFW, 20, 6'2", bluish eyes, easygoing, open-minded, employed student, enjoys music, singing, seeking honest, caring SF. Ad# 1964

LET'S TALK

Outgoing, funny SFW, 27, enjoys hockey, reading, playing guitar, traveling, seeking open-minded, trustworthy, attractive SF, to get to know better. Ad# 6666

READY TO SETTLE DOWN

Affectionate, happy SFW, 35, enjoys hunting, hiking, rollerblading, biking, seeks honest, caring, loving SF, who is fit & slender. Ad# 4310

GOOD TALKER

Catholic SFW, 55, enjoys social activities, sports, working out, quiet evenings, seeking honest, caring, attractive SF. Ad# 6983

ROMANTIC

SFW, 26, Lutheran, upbeat, outgoing, fun, hobbies are fishing, hiking, camping, swimming, looking for honest, humorous, caring SM. Ad# 5822

LUCKY PENNY

Easygoing SFW, 31, 4'10", 240lbs., laid-back, enjoys hockey, most sports, country concerts, seeks considerate SM, NS, social drinker a/c. Ad# 9420

CUTURED

SFW, 28, 5'8", brown hair, green eyes, professional, new to area, enjoys reading, travel, dining out, seeking SM, who loves to laugh. Ad# 8572

SEEKS BIG TEDDY BEAR

SFW, 22, 5'6", blue-eyed blonde, full-figured, loves animals, children, going out and staying home, seeking romantic, humorous SM, who loves cuddling, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 4985

LOOKING FOR YOU

SFW, 22, 5'5", 115lbs., brown hair, green eyes, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, nightclubs, staying home, seeking honest, sincere SFW, 22-30, marriage-minded. Ad# 7957

AMBITIOUS

SFW, 40, full-figured, brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, employed, enjoys the outdoors, dining out, movies, traveling, music, seeks nice, caring SM. Ad# 3994

SHARING LIFE'S DREAM

SFW, 29, professional, enjoys rollerblading, volleyball, barbecues, darts, billiards, dining out, seeking motivated, yet easygoing SM, to share interests, possible relationship. Ad# 3379

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SM, 28, happy-go-lucky, enjoys cooking, biking, motorcycling, movies, dining out, seeks honest, compassionate SF. Ad# 1968

VERY ACTIVE

Personable SFW, 34, Catholic, professional, hobbies include rollerblading, skiing, working out, dining out, looking for SF, with similar interests. Ad# 2221

HEADS UP THE BIBLE

SWCM, 55, bubbly, easygoing, attends Christian concerts & activities, enjoys traveling, flying, hunting, fishing, seeks trustworthy, fun, attractive SF. Ad# 9090

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SHARE FUN TIMES

Green-eyed SFW mom, 40, 5'5", trim, fit, attractive, NS enjoys music, dancing, biking, family outings, seeking attractive, caring DHC dad. Ad# 8626

HAVING NEW THINGS

SW mom, 38, 5'6", hardworking, warm-hearted, NS, enjoys nature, theater, children, seeking healthy, adventurous, considerate SM, NS. Ad# 9876

INTEREST YOU?

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

SPONTANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Easygoing, down-to-earth, fun SFW, 37, enjoys music, volleyball, bowling, games, conversation, dining out, Cedar point, travel, seeks fun SF. Ad# 6550

VARIABLE INTERESTS

SFW, 27, quiet, assertive, likes reading, swimming, new languages, playing the guitar, hockey, working out, seeking attractive, open-minded SF. Ad# 5555

LET'S MEET

Lutheran SFW, 30, active, likes fishing, the lake, nature walks, the outdoors, seeking understanding SF, with family values. Ad# 3809

POSITIVE ATTITUDE

Family-oriented SFW dad, 37, 5'8", Protestant, easygoing, enjoys talking, cuddling, dancing, music, seeks communicative SF, to be friends first. Ad# 1276

DON'T HESITATE!

Fun-loving, humorous SFW, 29, Catholic, enjoys music, movies, golf, video games, seeks SF, with a good personality. Ad# 3729

JOYFUL AND FREE

SFW, 23, Christian, fun-loving, caring, respectful, likes motorcycles, poetry art, seeks serious, fun-loving, marriage-minded, honest SF. Ad# 1221

MARRIAGE-MINDED

SFW, 35, outgoing, spontaneous, enjoys skiing, boating, barbecues, family activities, seeks outgoing, spontaneous, honest SF, for long-term relationship. Ad# 3282

VERY ACTIVE

Lutheran SFW, 43, outgoing, confident, enjoys sports, golf, snowmobiling, seeks compatible, personable, athletic, confident SF. Ad# 7171

COUNTRY MUSIC FAN

Easygoing SFWCM, 29, enjoys camping, hiking, water sports, seeking honest, sincere SF, with a good personality. Ad# 1246

RAISED IN CHURCH

Non-denominational SFW, 23, outgoing, laid-back, attends Christian activities, enjoys sports, seeks intelligent, humorous, articulate SF. Ad# 1992

SOMETIMES SERIOUS

Outgoing SFW, 34, Catholic, hobbies include research, going, seeking open-minded, fun-loving, outgoing SF. Ad# 3385

GET UP AND GO

Catholic SFW, 38, easygoing, spontaneous, enjoys hunting, fishing, cooking, quiet times at home, seeks honest SF. Ad# 7895

PROFESSIONAL

SFW, 27, tall, dark hair/eyes, in good shape, outgoing, humorous, enjoys movies, dining out, sports, cooking, seeks honest, caring, fun-loving SF. Ad# 6722

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Professional, handsome DWM, 51, 5'10", 170lbs., loves life, enjoys outdoor activities, traveling, reading, seeks attractive, intelligent, SFW, 35-45, for possible relationship. Ad# 4848

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY

Catholic SFW, 51, serious, enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, travel, seeks honest, humorous, spontaneous, easygoing SF, with similar interests. Ad# 1969

LOVING HEART

SWCM 34, 5'10", 145lbs., kind, honest, likes movies, the outdoors, dining out, long walks, seeks positive, caring, personable, caring SF. Ad# 1119

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Hardworking, personable SFW, 36, enjoys rollerblading, ice skating, scuba diving, animals, computers, seeks loyal, intelligent, active SF. Ad# 1960

MIGHT BE IDEAL

Easygoing, honest SFW, 47, enjoys fishing, reading, playing guitar, seeks outgoing, loyal, truthful SF. Ad# 3452

SLIGHTLY QUACKY

Catholic SFW, 31, intelligent, articulate, humorous, enjoys reading, working out, music, sports, seeks intelligent, physically/emotionally fit SF. Ad# 9131

DO RESPOND!

Friendly, honest SFW, 38, enjoys bowling, movies, four-wheeling, relaxing, seeks fun-loving SF, who loves laughter. Ad# 3224

CALL THIS AD!

Lutheran SFW, 33, easygoing, enjoys fishing, camping, hunting, woodworking, reading, seeks caring, honest, easygoing SF. Ad# 3655

INTENSE

SFW, 38, 6', brown hair, Catholic, fun-loving, likes racquetball, exercising, softball, cards, seeks compatible, honest, humorous, intelligent SF. Ad# 8150

ENJOYS A CHALLENGE

People-oriented SFW, 37, enjoys bowling, darts, movies, dining out, teaching, seeks honest, opinionated, communicative SF, who is not afraid of new things. Ad# 9680

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Catholic SFW, 32, humorous, spontaneous, enjoys camping, hiking, racquetball, outdoor fun, seeks stable, secure, good-humored, joyful SF. Ad# 1983

NON-SMOKER

Outgoing SFW, 21, enjoys concerts, dining out, seeking SF, who laughs a lot & enjoys life, for possible relationship. Ad# 9119

LIKES AUTO RACING

Outgoing SFW, 26, Episcopalian, easygoing, enjoys bowling, playing pool, seeks sincere, honest, humorous SF. Ad# 2378

BEAUTIFUL EYES

Humorous SFW, 30, Baptist, enjoys sports, concerts, movies, seeks easygoing, good humored SF, 18-38, who is tall & attractive. Ad# 6819

ROMANTIC HUMOROUS

Spontaneous, warm, loving, active, old-fashioned SW dad, 44, tall, handsome, sports coach, music lover, seeks feminine, hardworking SF. Ad# 1534

NO GAME PLAYERS!

Catholic SFW, 25, quiet, sweet, kind, caring, honest, enjoys fishing, camping, nature, art, music, seeks honest SF. Ad# 9362

RELAXING EVENINGS?

Lutheran SFW, 37, outgoing, good listener, enjoys guitar, racing cars, walks, TV, seeks understanding SF, who keeps a clean house. Ad# 2100

HIS SPIRITUAL

Professional, humorous, easygoing, interests include sports, traveling, dining out, walking, biking, concerts, seeking honest, humorous, faithful, reasonably romantic SF. Ad# 3366

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Easygoing, honest SFW, 29, Protestant, enjoys golf, movies, dining, clubs, seeks honest, fun SF, who likes to laugh. Ad# 5551

VERY FAITHFUL

Catholic SFW, 39, down-to-earth, humorous, enjoys camping, golfing, sports, the outdoors, building models, seeks compassionate, sincere SF. Ad# 5506

FUN TO BE AROUND!

Spiritual, good-natured DWM, 49, 6'2", 280lbs., enjoys college sports, boating, nature trails, travel, seeks adventurous, easygoing SF. Ad# 3055

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Warm, kind-hearted SFW, 42, Protestant, enjoys Native American crafts, decorating his home, seeks warm, kind, considerate SF. Ad# 6052

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SFW, 43, 5'9", medium build, likes country music, movies, baseball games, picnics, travel, seeks down-to-earth SF, for lasting relationship. Ad# 7646

DOWN-TO-EARTH

Catholic SFW, 33, tall, blond, green eyes, enjoys all outdoor activities, cooking, dining out, dancing, seeks SF, with similar interests. Ad# 1283

LOOKING LONG-TERM

Romantic, easygoing SFW, 55, 5'6", dark hair, NS, loving, dancing, dining in/out, country living, church, seeks attractive SF. Ad# 4242

GET TOGETHER & TALK

DW dad, 32, 170lbs., loves water skiing, working out, biking, karate, seeking SF, for friendship. Ad# 8080

IF INTERESTED, CALL!

SFW, 44, interested in camping, fishing, candlelight dinners for two, cuddling in front of a fire, seeking SF. Ad# 5482

SERIOUS ONLY

Secure, physically fit DWM, 38, enjoys outdoor activities, boating, water sports, dining out, quiet evenings, seeks honest SF, for caring relationship. Ad# 6453

FIT YOU?

SFW, 36, seeking humorous, caring, honest, loving SF, who enjoys romance, & is marriage-minded. Ad# 2159

OLD-FASHIONED

Catholic SFW, 34, 6'2", 230lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, NS, non-drinker, enjoys church, woodworking, camping, seeking SFW, 28-35, who enjoys being spoiled. Ad# 3434

LIVES ON THE LAKE

Never-married SFW, 35, fun-loving, humorous, no pretensions, likes kids, canoeing, hiking, non-dancer, getaway weekends, seeking SF, 19-45, for relationship. Ad# 1810

CASUAL OR DRESSY

SFW, 40, strong family values, likes animals and children, country music, dancing, outdoors, poetry, photography, seeking SF, similar interests. Ad# 2331

ACTIVE BUT ROMANTIC

SFW, 32, 6'4", 250lbs., likes outdoors, fishing, canoeing, reading books, movies, weekend getaways, seeking SF, for dating, maybe more. Ad# 6741

KIDS ARE INCLUDED!

DW dad, 28, 6'2", medium build, blue-eyed blond, professional, enjoys surfsurfs and sunsets, evening walks, holding hands, long talks, seeking SF, to treat special, with love, safety and security. Ad# 1717

LEAVE ME A MESSAGE

SFW, 40, 5'9", 160lbs., black hair/mustache, hazel eyes, romantic, good personality, enjoys hiking, canoeing, water skiing, holding hands, seeking SF, to enjoy life with. Ad# 9531

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SFW, 60, 5'9", well-proportioned, NS, non-drinker, self-employed, well-educated, positive, strong love for God and the church, many interests, seeks friendship first with a SF. Ad# 40-60. Ad# 1245

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Cagers beat Lakeland to end losing streak

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

A 62-43 road victory over Lakeland Friday night stopped Novi High's bleeding.

The Wildcats had dropped four straight and not tasted victory in nearly a month. But a 27-point offensive explosion in the third quarter insured a win for the Green and White.

"We're starting to play better," coach Pat Schluter said. "It's defense. If we hold our opponents under 50 points then we have a chance to win."

The Wildcats led 22-20 at halftime. But quick defensive hands led to "ons of steals and layups" in the third quarter, Schluter said.

Excellent shooting also helped. Senior guard Kyle Kearney scored 13 points in the third, including three three-pointers. Brian Abbott added eight to fuel the explosion.

Lakeland also contributed to the Wildcats' offense by trying to play up-tempo.

"They pressured us the whole game," said Schluter. "We were able to move the ball around and get a lot of easy baskets."

Kearney finished with 22 points and Elliot Edmunds netted 17. Abbott had 10.

The Wildcats, now 3-6 overall and 2-2 in the Kensington Valley Conference, host Brighton tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. It's a must win if Novi is going to stay in the league race.

The key will be stopping Bulldog standout Drew Hensen. Undoubtedly the best player in the KVC, stopping Hensen will be a tall order, Schluter said.

"He can do anything he wants on the court," he crunched added. "He was kind of quiet last year. But now he wants the ball."

Novi must keep Hensen and check of Brighton's offense in the first. "If they score up in the 60 or 70s," Schluter said, "we aren't going to win."

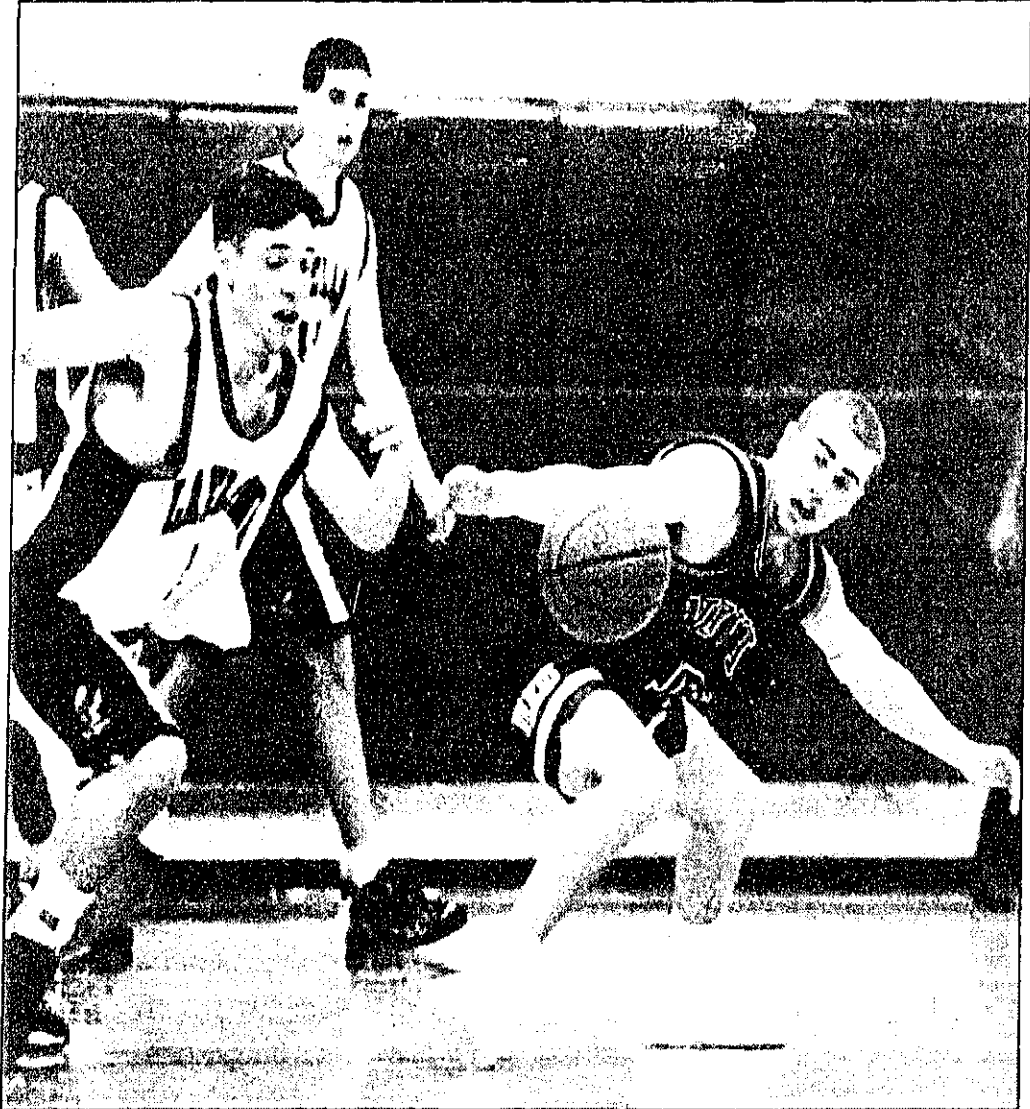
HOWELL 45, NOVI 41

The Jan. 14 home game was one the Wildcats slip through their fingers.

Novi battled back from a nine-point halftime deficit to take a lead in the fourth quarter. The Wildcats led 37-35 with about 20 seconds to go.

Howell had the ball and looked to take the last shot to tie or win the game. After working the ball around, the Highlanders Mick Nading did it as time expired.

Schluter said his team made a tactical mistake in those final 20 seconds. The Wildcats had a defensive foul to give before Howell would go to the free throw line on



Novi's Mike Barthlow scrambles to beat a Lakeland player to the ball Friday night.

Photo by SCOTT BENEDETTO

Novi's Mike Barthlow scrambles to beat a Lakeland player to the ball Friday night. Howell got the lead back on its next possession with a basket. Novi was called for a charge on its next trip down the floor.

"Good things happen when you play defense," the coach said.

It was a tough loss to take, but Schluter said his squad took the positives out of it.

"We had a chance to win and didn't hit a three-pointer to tie it back up."

"Even though we lost it gave the kids a lot of confidence," he said.

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Baseline rivalry heats up Saturday

If you're a sportswriter this is the type of stuff you either love or hate to write: the prediction column.

Nobody likes to look like a fool. But how many "expert" analyses and predictions have you read that look ridiculous after the game is actually played?

If you pick up the papers or watch television this weekend you'll see dozens of reports like this about the Super Bowl.

Statements such as, "The Packers will win by three touchdowns" or "Bill Parrell will lead the Patriots to victory" will be uttered many times over.

Chances are a majority of these prognosticators will have eggs on their face come Monday morning. But I can't tell my colleagues have all the fun. No, I'm not going to tell you anything about Super Bowl XXXV or whatever it is.

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Scott Daniel

Gymnasts win Hartland Invitational easily, beat Salem

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

In gymnastics you've got to make hay while the sun is shining. That means impressing them at big meets. Northville-Novi did just that Saturday and easily won the Hartland Invitational.

The combined team beat out nine other schools by scoring 141.9 points. Hartland finished second with 137 and Freedland was third at 135.5 points.

Coach Barb Winn said it was important for her team to perform well before judges they'll likely see in state competition later on.

"Last year," she added, "Hartland beat us at the invitational. We didn't want to be in the same situation this year."

While each gymnast event has certain skills that must be executed well in order to achieve a high mark, scores are ultimately subjective.

And, like it or not, teams do get reputations for their strengths and weaknesses with those judges. So it often pays to make a good first impression—like the Mustangs did Saturday.

Winn said her team's performance showed that earlier wins over Canton and Salem were no fluke.

"It shows the scores we received were realistic and not over inflated," she added.

The coach also called the meet a "good indicator" in terms of where Northville/Novi stands in its conference. Hartland is considered to be the combined team's strongest challenger for the title.

Winn said it will be hard for the Eagles to close that four-point gap on her team.

"But I think everyone will improve," she commented.

Northville/Novi showed why it's one of the best teams in the state by taking at least four places in each event Saturday.

Nicole Pelletier finished second overall on the vault. She finished with an average of 8.85.

Stacey Williamson was fourth at 8.45, Mary Essary fifth at 8.4 and Erica Winn seventh at 8.35.

Points were awarded for the top eight finishes in each event.

The combined squad just about swept through the uneven bars.

Essary won with a 9.1, Winn was second at 9.05 and Missy MacRae took fourth at 8.9. Jenny Rohlfis and Williamson each scored 8.7 to take fifth and sixth, respectively, and Dancan Puzdan was eighth at 8.6.

On the balance beam, MacRae was the champion with a 9.3 performance. Essary took second at 9.15, Winn fourth at 8.7 and Williamson seventh at 8.4.

In the floor exercise, MacRae was first at 9.4, Essary second at 9.3 and Williamson fourth at 9.2. Pelletier took eighth place in Division II with an 8.65 and Winn was eighth in Division I with an 8.6.

Northville/Novi is undefeated on the season having won all three dual meets and the Hartland Invitational.

About the season's only negative note thus far is injuries.

Rohlfis has leg problems and Essary's ankles are tender. Several other gymnasts are nursing nagging injuries.

With almost all of her gymnasts qualified for the state regional, Barb Winn said she'll be able to rest most of her injured performers over the next few weeks.

Unfortunately, injuries are part of gymnastics.

"We've got a lot of kids with aches and pains," Winn said.

MUSTANGS 142.15 SALEM 124.25

The combined team faced Salem at Northville High on Jan. 14 and won easily.

Rohlfis was first in the vaulting competition with an 8.95 and Winn was second at 8.9. Williamson scored an 8.6 and Essary an 8.5 to round out the team score.

On the uneven bars, Essary led a sweep for Northville/Novi by scoring 9.15. MacRae was second at 9.1 and Rohlfis third at 8.7.

Essary also won the balance beam competition. She scored a 9.0, Kristin Levin was second at 8.8 and Winn was third at 8.75. MacRae notched an 8.5 to round out the team score in the event.

Northville/Novi closed the meet in strong fashion by sweeping the floor event.

Essary and MacRae tied for first at 9.2, Williamson tied for second at 9.1 and Winn was third at 9.05.

Grapplers second at Rochester tourney

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Novi High has wrestled excellent competition all season long and fared well.

The Wildcats have won the Berkley Invitational and numerous dual matches. But if Novi has been the irresistible force, it met the immovable object Saturday in the finals of the Rochester Adams Invitational.

Facing the host Highlanders, the Wildcats fell 55-12. According to coach Brad Huss, that score didn't come about by accident.

"They're loaded from top to bottom," he said. "There isn't a weak spot in their lineup."

"I don't see anyone beating them. They were good last year, but not this good."

There was nothing embarrassing about taking second at this tournament.

"I thought we wrestled well," Huss said. "We just couldn't beat Rochester Adams."

Novi won just three matches against the Highlanders.

Freshman Danny Jilg earned a pin at 103 pounds. Taia Watanabe and Skip Becker earned decisions at 145 and 160 pounds, respectively.

"They're better than any team



Nick Wendt (top) pinned Milford's Nick Humphries in Friday's match.

Photo by AL WARD

we've seen so far," Huss said.

A total of seven schools competed in the tournament with one pool of four and another of three teams. Pool members wrestled round robin with top teams advancing.

Novi opened the day by crushing Dearborn 70-9.

Jilg (103 pounds), Ryan Christensen (112), Mark Churella (135), Andy Kalk (189) and Brett Faulkner (heavyweight) all earned pins.

Ryan Reller (125) won by decision while Nick Simon (140), Watanabe (145), Nick Wendt (152), Jeff O'Sullivan (171) and John Talbot (215) took forfeit victories.

The Wildcats then edged Livonia Stevenson 29-30 in round two.

Jilg (103), Churella (135), Simon (140), Becker (160) and Talbot (215) all won by decision. Watanabe (145) and Flecha (189) had pins.

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'Cats flat at Salem, destroy Milford in 2

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Always want a detailed explanation when teams don't play well.

Athletes and coaches are often asked for reasons why and a diagnosis to fix the problem. It gets a little complicated.

But there was nothing complicated about Novi High's performance at the Plymouth Salem Invitational Saturday.

The Wildcats simply didn't have it.

"The volleyball squad played four pool matches and lost all four."

"I'm not sure why we played so poorly," coach Julie Fisette said. "It seemed like there was nothing we could do to shake it off."

Everything Fisette tried worked in the game. Copp, Audra Wolowiec and Julie Naim all came off the bench and played very well in the game.

Milford jumped to a 2-0 lead early in game two. The Redskins held an 8-7 lead before Novi took over.

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The Wildcats' day ended with 15-5, 15-2 setbacks to Canton.

Fisette said her team didn't play a single strong match. Several Wildcats did perform well, however.

The coach mentioned sophomores Jenny Corless Kristen Kearney as doing well. Katie Copp was also solid.

"She had a great day," Fisette said. "She blocked a lot of balls and battled hard at the net."

Novi's next match is at home Monday against Brighton at 7 p.m.

NOVI DEF. MILFORD

As poorly as they played Saturday, the Wildcats were on fire against Milford Jan. 13.

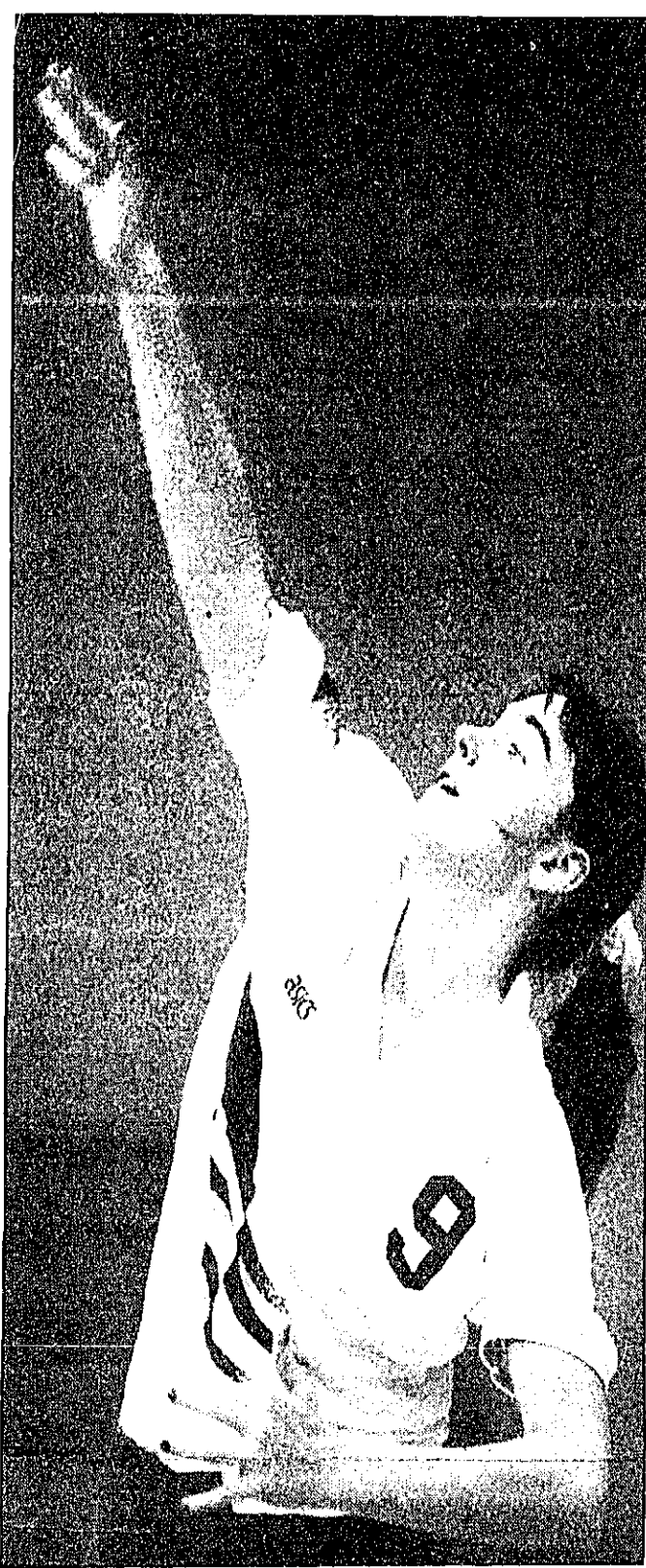
Novi beat the Redskins 15-2, 15-10 to keep its Kensington Valley Conference record perfect at 2-0.

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WILDCATS OF THE WEEK

KYLE KEARNEY -- Basketball
The senior scored 13 points in the third quarter of Novi's win over Lakeland Friday. He nailed three three-pointers during that span and finished the game with 22 points.

NICOLE PELLETIER -- Gymnastics
She finished second overall on the vault in the combined team's first place showing at the Hartland Invitational. Pelletier finished with an average of 8.85 for second. She also took eighth place in Division II floor exercise with an 8.65.



Lindsay Drury helped Novi to victory with her serving.

Spikers pound Milford to go 2-0

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"The girls played A-1 volleyball," said Fisette. "We had a sensational match."

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The group clicked right away. Spindler started game one by serving for five straight points.

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SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL	
KVC STANDINGS	Leppke (Hartland) 6
Howell 4-05-3	Cowan (Pinckney) 18-5
Brighton 2-04-3	Bair (Howell) 16-6
Milford 2-16-2	Cushman (Brighton) 13-8
Lakeland 2-24-5	Loomis (Fowlerville) 4-3
Novi 2-29-6	
Hartland 0-20-3	125 POUNDS
South Lyon 0-30-5	Trioneiler (Howell) 20-4
	Nading (Howell) 17-0
	King (Howell) 47-0
	Rake (Howell) 43-0
	Gray (Howell) 43-0
	Granga (Pinckney) 42-0
AREA LEADERS	FREE THROW PERCENTAGE
SCORING	Blankensaker (Brighton) 1,000
Henson (Brighton) 22.5	King (Howell) 810
King (Howell) 15.5	Dinning (Fowlerville) 810
Dinning (Fowlerville) 14.0	Sothi (Howell) 790
Dodge (Brighton) 12.7	Dodge (Brighton) 780
Kors (Pinckney) 12.7	Philaja (Howell) 750
Sothi (Howell) 11.8	Henry (Pinckney) 750
Porta (Hartland) 11.0	Henson (Brighton) 735
DeMaris (Fowlerville) 10.0	Nading (Howell) 720
See (Hartland) 10.0	Maj (Howell) 710
	Welchko (Hartland) 700
	Kors (Pinckney) 700
REBOUNDS	
Henson (Brighton) 11.0	TEAM OFFENSE
King (Howell) 8.0	Brighton 64.6
Russie (Fowlerville) 6.0	Howell 60.1
Crawford (Pinckney) 5.8	Fowlerville 55.0
	Hartland 51.0
	Pinckney 44.8
ASSISTS	
Hittle (Brighton) 7.0	TEAM DEFENSE
Boss (Howell) 3.3	Pinckney 53.5
DeMaris (Fowlerville) 3.0	Fowlerville 56.0
VanLo (Fowlerville) 3.0	Hartland 61.0
Nading (Howell) 2.9	Howell 62.9
Sothi (Howell) 2.8	Brighton 64.6
Henson (Brighton) 2.0	
Philaja (Howell) 2.0	WRESTLING
STEALS	103 POUNDS
DeMaris (Fowlerville) 3.0	Jilg (Novi) 20-4
King (Howell) 2.8	Cozart (Howell) 6-3
Sothi (Howell) 2.8	Bordenkircher (Brighton) 15-8
Hittle (Brighton) 2.5	Ashby (Northville) 8-5
Nance (Pinckney) 2.3	
Henry (Pinckney) 2.2	112 POUNDS
Crawford (Pinckney) 2.0	Torrence (Northville) 17-1
Nading (Howell) 2.0	Kowal (Hartland) 18-4
Porta (Hartland) 2.0	Secco (Brighton) 10-3
	Smith (Howell) 9-7
THREE-POINTERS	Srzalkowski (Fowlerville) 10-9
Henson (Brighton) 16	
Kors (Pinckney) 14	119 POUNDS
Dodge (Brighton) 11-8	Williams (Fowlerville) 21-0
Nance (Pinckney) 7	Simman (Northville) 13-1
Porta (Hartland) 6	
	150 POUNDS
	Dukes (Howell) 13-4
	Wendt (Novi) 9-7
	Glynn (Hartland) 12-11
	Knight (Fowlerville) 3-2
	160 POUNDS
	Frost (Hartland) 29-1
	Becker (Novi) 24-1
	Hicks (Fowlerville) 23-3
	Miller (Brighton) 7-4
	Canady (Fowlerville) 7-7
	171 POUNDS
	Rochowski (Pinckney) 26-1
	Grider (Northville) 16-2
	Culver (Howell) 17-5
	189 POUNDS
	Kuzinski (Hartland) 26-0
	Arnold (Howell) 18-4
	Plecha (Novi) 14-6
	Sheehan (Pinckney) 16-7
	Bair (Howell) 11-9
	215 POUNDS
	Jones (Pinckney) 20-1
	Evans (Brighton) 20-2
	Schych (Hartland) 17-8
	Talbot (Novi) 22-4
	HEAVYWEIGHT
	Kellor (Brighton) 20-2
	Posay (Hartland) 22-6
	Shue (Howell) 15-9
	Faulkner (Novi) 13-8
	Cooke (Pinckney) 11-7
	Nelson (Fowlerville) 9-9
	VOLLEYBALL
	140 POUNDS
	Simon (Novi) 18-3
	Lusk (Hartland) 23-8
	145 POUNDS
	Watanabe (Novi) 18-0
	Graybeal (Hartland) 27-2
	Anilia (Howell) 17-7
	Welman (Fowlerville) 11-5
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	Kenney (Brighton) 10-8
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	AREA LEADERS
	KILLS
	Horgan (Brighton) 83
	Mathaner (Brighton) 83
	Wolbank (Pinckney) 73
	Dorsola (Pinckney) 68
	Ossola (Northville) 66
	ACES
	Platak (Brighton) 38
	Dzhan (Brighton) 24
	Mathaner (Brighton) 23
	Ossola (Northville) 17
	Metaj (Northville) 14
	Discoll (Northville) 13
	DIGS
	Wolbank (Pinckney) 97
	Cook (Pinckney) 88
	Jandasek (Brighton) 65
	Dakoker (Northville) 79
	Metaj (Northville) 70
	BLOCKS
	Horgan (Brighton) 52
	Rochowski (Pinckney) 37
	Shaw (Brighton) 34
	Pooler (Northville) 24

Baseline rivalry heats up on hardwood

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is.

Instead, I'm going to write about something much more important — Saturday's Novi-Northville battle on the hardwood.

Both basketball squads have been up and down this year.

Northville won its first three games then dropped three of four. The Wildcats recently snapped a four-game losing streak with a win over Lakeland.

In years past, one of the schools has clearly been superior. It wasn't difficult, for example, to predict that Northville had the edge last season with a senior-dominated club and two prolific scorers.

But Saturday's game is a lot more challenging to call.

The squads aren't far apart in terms of talent. Both are also capable of playing tough, gritty basketball or getting blown off the court.

So who'll win and bring home Baseline Road bragging rights?

Perhaps a look at matchups will answer the question.

POINT GUARD: Northville will start Phil Kozronik while Jeff Fannon gets the nod for Novi.

Kozronik is a hard-nose player that generally makes good decisions and plays hard defensively. Fannon may have a little more raw talent, but lacks Kozronik's experience.

ADVANTAGE: Even.

SHOOTING GUARD: The Wildcats have used Mike Barthlow and Brian Abbott at the position. Dave Terakidis is Northville's starter.

Abbott has played well in recent games and even picked up some scoring slack. Barthlow is solid, but hasn't proven to be a scoring threat yet.

Terakidis has been terrific for Northville. While he's only 5-foot-8 inches tall, the junior has no problem getting his shots off. He likes to drive to the basket and can hit an outside shot.

ADVANTAGE: Northville.

Novi's post player and Jon Woodson starts for the Mustangs.

When he's aggressive, Edmunds can be quite a force. He can score, rebound and block shots. The senior also seems to have taken leadership duties for the Wildcats this season.

Woodsum is a true blue-collar player. While he's not blessed with overwhelming talent, he is usually productive by playing his tail off.

ADVANTAGE: Novi.

SMALL FORWARD: Northville's Kelly Bingley goes up against Novi's Kyle Kearney.

Kearney is Novi's X-Man. If he plays well, which means shooting well and creating havoc on opponents' defenses, the Wildcats thrive. If he doesn't, Novi seems to falter.

Bingley is a dangerous offensive player as well. The junior is very quick on drives to the hoop and has range on his jumper.

ADVANTAGE: Novi.

POWER FORWARD: The Wildcats use Pat Lyskawa while Northville counters with Jeff Arnez.

Lyskawa is tough near the basket and has a knack for scoring. Arnez has shown he can score, too.

ADVANTAGE: Even.

BENCH: Paul Davis, Abbott or Dorian Brown, Dan Colligan and Iran Sader come off Novi's bench. Luis Guajarido, John Macinnis, Rob Reel and Ross Baker are Northville's top subs.

This could be the difference in the game. Players like Macinnis and Guajarido can provide both offensive and defensive sparks. The Wildcats don't seem to have that same punch.

ADVANTAGE: Northville.

GAME PREDICTION: Northville 55, Novi 52.

Scott Daniel is sports editor of the Novi News and Northville Record.

Grapplers beat Milford, Brighton in duals

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The Wildcats jumped into league competition Friday by hosting Milford and Brighton.

It turned out to be a successful start as the Wildcats beat both Kensington Valley Conference rivals. Novi topped Milford 49-30 in the opener then smashed Brighton 45-18.

Both Huss and co-coach Tom Fritz were visibly after the team's lack-luster performance against Milford.

"We came out flat," said Huss.

A pep talk between matches changed the tone for the nightcap.

Huss, "But we need to pin them and stay off our backs in matches we lose."

"If there's a team that can beat them, it's us."

The Wildcats were more than a match for Milford and Brighton Friday.

Against the Redskins, Jilg (103) and Simon (140) won by decision. John Savast (130), Churella (135), Watanabe (145), Talbot (215) and Faulkner won by forfeit. Wendt (152) and Becker (160) had pins.

Jilg opened the Brighton match by beating a tough opponent, Paul Bordenkircher, easily 11-3.

"I haven't been this excited about a freshman in awhile," Huss said of Jilg.

Novi fell behind 6-4 after losses by Christensen and Balagna. But Reller (125) put his team in front to stay with a in Matt Marino in 3:05.

Savast (130) followed with a pin of his own then Churella (135) took a 9-6 decision over Paul Gianapp. Simon (140) shutout Ryan Wozniak 4-0.

Novi dominated the rest of the way. Watanabe (145), Becker (160), O'Sullivan (171) and Kalk (189) took pins.

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GERD a common problem

Gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) is an extremely common problem. The occurrence of GERD is similar in both men and women. Forty-five percent of adult Americans report intermittent symptoms related to GERD and 10 percent have symptoms on a daily basis. Eighty percent of pregnant women report symptoms due to GERD.

The typical patient with GERD complains of heartburn (an upward moving burning pain behind the breastbone) after eating, when bending over, when lying down, or upon awakening at night.

GERD is not a life-threatening disease and has no connection with heart problems. However, the symptoms of GERD can be a great mimic. GERD symptoms can be confused with ulcer pain, heart problems, gall bladder problems and asthma. It is thought that GERD is responsible for at least 50 percent of non-cardiac chest pain and 80 percent of chronic hoarseness, chronic cough and non-allergic asthma. GERD can also cause vocal cord polyps and dental erosions.

GERD is a chronic disease. It is caused by acidic stomach secretions entering the esophagus and overwhelming its defense mechanisms. This usually takes place over a long period of time.

The esophagus is connected to the stomach by a muscle called the lower esophageal sphincter, which forms a "gateway" into the stomach. When this muscle is weak or relaxes at inappropriate times, acidic stomach contents can "reflux" into the esophagus and cause pain.

The presence of a hiatal hernia is another factor which will contribute to the ease with which stomach contents can go through the lower esophageal sphincter and enter the esophagus. The amount of acid secreted by the stomach is normal in most patients with GERD.

Lifestyle modifications are the cornerstone of effective treatment of all GERD patients. The primary goal of therapy in GERD is to decrease the exposure of the esophagus to acid. Lifestyle changes include:

- Making dietary changes
- Elevating the head of the bed
- Losing excess weight
- Quitting smoking

Dietary modifications are probably the most important. Adherence to these recommendations can often result in a 10 percent improvement in symptoms.

GERD sufferers should avoid overeating and abstain from eating within several hours of going to bed. Similarly, one should avoid lying down after a meal.

Alcohol, coffee, caffeinated products, chocolate, peppermint and spearmint need to be eliminated from the diet, since all of these will decrease lower esophageal sphincter pressure making it easier for acidic stomach contents to enter the esophagus.

Carbonated beverages should be eliminated since the carbonation itself contributes to stomach distention and burping. The diet should be low in fat since food high in fat will slow the stomach's efficiency at emptying. Smoking should be avoided since it also relaxes the lower esophageal sphincter.

When lifestyle modifications fail to eliminate symptoms, drug therapy can be added. Medications directed at decreasing stomach acid, tightening the lower esophageal sphincter and improving stomach emptying are used in GERD. Most patients with GERD can be successfully managed with lifestyle modifications and drug therapy. Less than 5 percent will require antireflux surgery aimed at tightening the lower esophageal sphincter.

Written by D. Kim Turgeon M.D., who is an internist and gastroenterologist practicing at the U-M Northville Health Center. For questions call (810) 344-1777.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there are upcoming vacancies on the Board of Review, Beautification Committee, Cable Access Committee, Computer Advisory Committee, Economic Development Corporation, Election Commission, Housing & Community Development Advisory Committee, Historical Commission, Library Board, and Senior Citizen Housing Building Authority. Applications are available in the office of the City Clerk by calling 347-0456. Council will be interviewing applicants Monday evening, February 3rd; please submit your application by January 27th to allow time for scheduling appointments.

(1-9/16/23-97 NR, NN) TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 97-110.04

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 97-110.04, an Ordinance to amend Sections 17-17 and 17-18 of the Novi Code of Ordinances, to alter the number of members of the City of Novi Historical Commission.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, January 13, 1997 and the effective date is January 28, 1997. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time.

(1-23-97 NR, NN) TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 97-004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monogram Homes, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a temporary construction office trailer on Lot B, Broadmoor Park Subdivision, located on the south side of Ten Mile Road east of Beck Road, beginning January 1997. 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 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 1997 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 January 29, 1997.

(1-23-97 NR, NN)

NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.563 AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NOVI

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

PART I. That Ordinance No. 84-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 561, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

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

PART III. WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is January 28, 1997.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan this 13th day of January, 1997. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., local time.

KATHLEEN McLALLEN, MAYOR
TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CLERK

To rezone a part of the NW 1/4 of Section 23, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcels 22-23-151-012, -017 and -022 more particularly described as follows:

PARCEL 22-23-151-012

Beginning at a point distant South 1137.46 feet along the west line of Section 23 (nominal C/L of Novi Road) and S70°45'00"E 681.47 feet from the NW corner of Section 23; thence S70°45'00"E 415.24 feet; thence S53°39'00"W 381.18 feet; thence N36°19'00"W 312.40 feet; thence S53°34'00"W 224.82 feet; thence N87°58'32"E 48.24 feet; thence N53°34'00"E 409.04 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 2.24 acres.

PARCEL 22-23-151-017

Beginning at a point distant South 1137.46 feet along the west line of Section 23 (nominal C/L of Novi Road) and S70°45'00"E 1096.71 feet from the NW corner of Section 23; thence S70°45'00"E 242.38 feet; thence S53°39'00"W 396.82 feet; thence N36°20'30"W 200.00 feet; thence N53°39'30"E 259.83 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.40 acres.

PARCEL 22-23-151-022

Beginning at a point on the easterly right-of-way line of Novi Road, said point being South, 1137.46 feet along the west line of Section 23 (nominal C/L of Novi Road) and S70°45'00"E 63.55 feet from the NW corner of Section 23; thence South 437.67 feet along said easterly right-of-way line; thence S87°58'32"E 254.34 feet; thence N53°34'00"E 409.04 feet; thence N70°45'00"W 617.92 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 3.67 acres.

FROM: I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

TO: TC-1 TOWN CENTER-ONE DISTRICT

ORDINANCE NO. 18-563
CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I, Tonni Bartholomew, Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Council of the City of Novi, at a Regular Meeting thereof, duly called and held on the 13th day of January, 1997, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

(1-23-97 NR, NN) TONNI BARTHOLOMEW, CLERK

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Health Notes

Botsford Hospital sponsors day for women

Prime Time for Women

Prime Time for Women is a day-long event sponsored by Botsford General Hospital on Feb. 1. Mini-seminars will be held on a wide range of medical, health and lifestyle topics.

Presentations will include preparing easy-to-make, nutritious meals by chef Larry Jones; knowing menopause and perimenopause facts from fiction; learning practical techniques for reducing stress; preventing osteoporosis and heart disease; and even looking as great as you feel through a makeup and fashion demonstration.

The cost of the program is \$25 per person, which includes both a continental breakfast and lunch, and will take place at the Ziegler Center on the campus of Botsford General Hospital. Registration or additional information can be obtained by calling the Botsford Community Relations/Marketing Department at (810) 442-7986.

Sibling Class

Welcoming a new baby into the family can be an adjustment for sisters and brothers. The Marian Women's Center next to St. Mary Hospital will offer a sibling class from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Feb. 8, in the miracle of life maternity center postpartum lounge on the third floor of the main hospital.

Cost of the class is \$10 per family. Registration is required. For more information, call (313) 655-3314 or toll free at 1-800-494-1615.

Prostate Screening Day

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a free prostate screening day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, in the St. Mary Hospital pavilion. This free program includes a prostate exam by a physician, blood test to measure the prostate specific antigen level and educational material.

Advance registration for this important health screening for men is requested by call (313) 655-2922 or call toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

Blood Pressure Checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, located at 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain this free service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For further information, contact (810) 380-4225.

Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, 424-7066 or 424-7067.

Cholesterol Screening

St. Mary's Hospital will hold a blood pressure and cholesterol screening on Thursday, Feb. 13, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in Pavilion conference room B. The blood pressure measurement is free while the cholesterol screening is \$15 per person. The cholesterol screening includes measurement of HDL - the good cholesterol. To make an appointment, call (313) 655-2922 or call toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

Caregiving skills

The Huron Valley Hospital, 1601 E. Commerce Road in Commerce, is offering several seminars and programs.

The hospital will host a free monthly series entitled "Perfecting Your Caregiving Skills" on Thursdays, beginning Jan. 23, from 7-8 p.m. The focus of this program is to provide information that will increase the caregiver's skills for taking care of an immobile person.

Certified Enterostomal Nurse Carol Dalley, RN, BSN, CETN, will discuss how to maintain healthy skin and prevent pressure sores as well as how to exercise muscles. Also learn about nutrition in relation to wound healing and the psychological impact of being bed or chair bound.

Dates for the series are Thursdays, Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 27 and April 24, from 7-8 p.m. at Huron Valley Hospital. There is no charge.

To register or for more information, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500 by Jan. 22.

Eye surgery

An eye surgery seminar will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 28 from 7-8 p.m. at Huron Valley Hospital in the conference center.

Ophthalmologist Robert T. Clark, M.D., will provide information on the latest techniques available to improve your vision. Radial keratotomy, Automated Lamellar Keratoplasty and Photo-refractive Keratotomy, performed with the excimer laser, will be discussed.

Participants should bring their current prescription or glasses and questions to this free seminar.

To preregister or for more information, call 1-888-362-2500 by Jan. 27.

Weight management

How many times have you gone on a diet only to gain the pounds back? Diets often don't work, but learning a new way of eating does. St. Mary Hospital's weight management class, LifeSteps, can help you achieve your weight loss goal. With LifeSteps, you'll lose weight and learn how to keep those pounds off.

Taught by registered dietitian Linda DeVore, RD, day and evening classes are available. The day class begins at 11 a.m. on Jan. 28. A complimentary orientation for the LifeSteps class will be held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 21. The evening class begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 29. The orientation for the evening class begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 22. The class will meet in the lower level Conference Room E.

Come and find out about the program before you commit yourself to a weight loss plan. At the free orientation, the instructor will explain the course in detail, costs and what participants need to consider. No registration is required for the orientation. For more information, call St. Mary Hospital Food and Nutrition Services at (313) 655-2498.

Prostate cancer support

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, the prostate cancer support group provides both encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatments and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 477-6100 for additional information.

Pager rentals

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering "baby beeper" rentals to help labor partners stay in touch during those critical last weeks of pregnancy.

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

further information.

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.

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.

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.

Health education library

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

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

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

Physician referral service

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

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

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

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

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

Depression Seminar

Normal Depression is an emotional state that is influenced by many factors. How you think, solve problems and what you do can affect how you feel.

Psychologist David Wartel Ph.D. will review cognitive and behavioral explanations for depression and examine methods for changing your thoughts and moods.

To register or for more information regarding this program, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500, by Feb. 3.