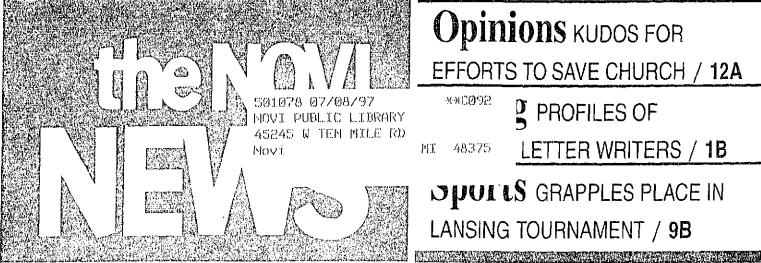
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International Blues festival comes to city

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

"They wanna put a strip mall, next my upscale home.

Mean of developer won't leave us alone. I got the Novi blues. The low

down, fast growin' Novi blues ... While a lament like this isn't likely to make the charts anytime soon, an event that could be a real hit will debut July 18-20 at the Novi Expo Center - the first Bluesfest International, Windsor,

Canada-Novi, Michtgan, USA. "We'll have a lot of big names." said Ted Boomer of IBF (International Blues Festival) Promoters.

"In a couple of years, it'll be as big as it's been for Windsor. We'll do the hands across-the-water thing."

Expect 400 some blues acts, including groups from six coun-

In past festivals, the line-up in Windsor has included Buckwheat Zydeco, Jeff Healey, Down Child Blues Band, Eddie Clearwater, Cullin James, Savoy Brown and Johnny Bassett. The list of this year's performers won't be released for several weeks yet.

Some folks might wonder if Novi, which does not have hard luck and trouble as its only claim to fame, can make it as blues venue. Sure, said Todd Smith. vice president of the Novi Expo-

"Right now, blues is one of the fastest growing segments of music. A lot of people think of the blues as some old guy hugging a guitar. There's the Blues Brothers and Stray Cats Strut," he said.

Both the Novi and Windsor events will be held on the same weekend and share performers.

Three years ago, the festival kicked off in Windsor. Boomer was familiar with the Novl Expo Center from work with golf shows, liked what he saw and was ready to take the event across the bor-

"It's the Cobo Hall of the suburbs. Novi's a real vibrant community, it's got freeway access. It's kind of like a new Royal Oak on the way," Boomer explained.

The blues fest will happen in a setting similar to the Michigan 50s Festival, which is scheduled for the following weekend. That may lead to potential savings for the 50s Festival, in terms of renting the same entertainment tents and Porta-johns after the first festival departs, said Smith.

"It should be fun. One week, it'll be the blues and the next week it'll be the 50s," he added.

A turn out of 30,000 to 45,000 is expected for this first local blues bash.

And who knows? Maybe someday they'll change the name of Main Street to Beale Street.

Pastor Tim Whyte plans to convert the Novi Methodist Church into a new building for his Oakland Baptist Church.

Old church to be put back in use

By JAN JEFFRES

Amazing Grace has a real meaning for the old Novi Methodist Church, once apparently consigned to the wrecker's ball.

Instead, redemption has come from an unexpected direction. The 50 members of the Oakland Baptist Church, now celebrating their faith in a modest ranch bouse on Beck Road, will take the 1876 structure and resurrect it to its former dignity as a house of wor-

It'll be great to have a historic building there. My whole life, I've prelty much known thing new, but with an old-fashioned feel. the interior, which has been partitioned off about the building being there and that it. They've been meeting in the converted Beck into offices and definitely no longer looks like once was a church," Tim Whyte, pastor of Road home for 15 years.

Oakland Baptist Church, said.

This is a twist of events that has local historians shouting hallelujah, especially since the church, after a series of non-theological uses, including a stint as a nursery school, will once again be sanctified.

Whyte read about the structure's threatened future in an article in The Novi News. The ewner, Detroit developer George Keros,

has agreed to donate the abandoned building. Whyte's congregation, which first began meeting 18 years ago at Orchard Ridge Elementary School, was hoping to build some-

Historic photos show the old Methodist Church as the standard image of a 19th century. Midwestern country church house, a dignified, non-pretentious white clapboard building with a steeple and a bell. Plans are to restore it to that former glory. Whyte said.

But first, the church must be moved from the southwest corner of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue to Beck Road, hopefully by the end of February, Whyte said. That's expected to cost about \$30,000.

Then, the exterior of the church will be restored. To follow will be major restoration to

Biggest challenge ahead? Focus

Novi overall is "terrific," says Mayor Kathleen McLallen, but it has many issues and projects to deal with in the coming year. The trick for council will be "staying focused," she said.

As a follow up to McLallen's State of the City address and seeking responses to recent criticisms of the city and council. Novi News Managing Editor Michael Malott interviewed her Thursday, Jan. 23.

The questions and her answers were as follows:

Novi News: In your mind. what's the biggest challenge for the year ahead for the city of

McLallen: Staying focused. There's just so much happening on so many levels - how to take all the opportunities that come by and weigh them against where the city is, where the city is going to be, how to keep an economic positive situation going, how to



Mayor Kathleen McLallen

enhance the quality of life for the citizens. What is happening is that very little projects come up and get the focus.

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Final playscape design unveiled

Novi kids looking for fun this summer will be able to slide down the tongue of an alien or the fail of a crocodile, bounce on a rubber bridge, set out to sea in a mock Titanic and wriggle through a tire

Their good times will be the results of a massive fundraising

led by the Tim Pope Playstructure Committee. The goal is to have the project built in early June. with the help of as many as 500

volunteers. As of this week, committee member Warren Jocz said, less than 10 percent of the needed \$100,000 to \$130,000 is raised. fewer than 100 of the 500 volun-

als have been donated for the project.

"By the end of February, we really hope to get a good handle on where we stand," said Glenn Bonaventura, who's also on the

committee. So stay tuned. The full court press is coming in the near future, Joez added, including a

cially developers - that do business in Novi.

"We're doing a mailing to the businesses with brochures and letters for school kids to take to their parents. Obviously, there's going to be an interest from those people," Bonaventura said.

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Chamber seeking new president

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is seeking a candidate to replace long-time President Connie Mallett.

After an unanimous vote in November, the chamber's volunteer board of directors agreed to

day she was told April 30 will be make a statement." her last day on the job she has held for over ten years.

'We're just looking to do a change in management," said Diane Risko, chair of the cham-

ber's board of directors. "We wanted a management—tional skills. Our goal is to fill this

style change ... It's premature to

A Novi Chamber of Commerce news release issued Jan. 22 said that the chamber is seeking an executive director candidate "who is very sales and marketing oriented with emphasis on organizaposition currently being handled

by President Connie Mallett." "I'm not in a position to answer any questions. The letter they gave me indicated I will be here by the end of April," Mallett, a 25year Novi resident, said Tuesday,

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Vic's opens 'smoker' at market

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

The snowflakes fell outside all night, but on the second floor of Vic's World Class Market, filled with smoke and smelling of cajun food and expensive wine, more than 150 people enjoyed a night of fine wine tasting, scotch drinking and cigar smoking.

To celebrate the new trend of cigar smoking. Vic's featured a cigar and scotch room, Jan. 24. during a night of Australian Wine

Cigar smokers came from all over the area to enjoy a fine cigar or two, as well as savor live music, great wine and unique

"It's nice to smoke somewhere other than the garage," said Steve Dooley. The Novi resident braved

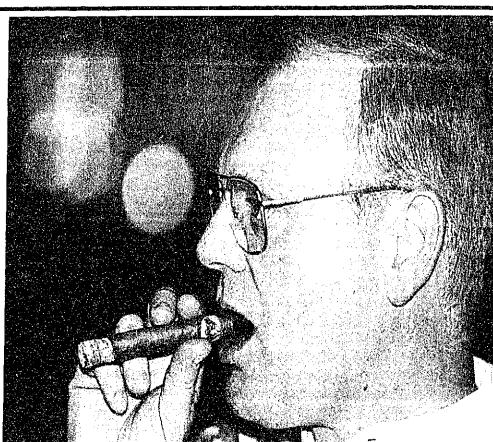


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Continued on 9 John McBride takes a puff during Friday's Wine and Cigar Tasting at Vic's World Class Market.

The half o' winter's gone at

sign of what was to come. In Eng-

land, France and Canada they

Early German settlers in Ameri-

plentiful in that part of the country

the settlers decided on the ground-

While Groundhog Day is little

then it was big stuff to many.

America's most famous ground-

hog is Punxsutawney (pronounced

Punks-uh-taw-nee) Phil, a ground-

hog who lives just outside the

north central Pennsylvania town

Legend says Phil is almost a

century old and each Feb. 2 mem-

out whether he sees his shadow or

Scientists say they're wasting

their time: weather researchers

Speaking of science, the ground-

hog is actually a woodchuck,

and midwestern parts of the Unit-

Plant eaters, they hibernate in

the winter and live in underground

burrows and dens often connected

by a network of tunnels with sev-

ed States and in Canada.

eral entrances.

which are small animals about two

he's named for.

Germany it was the badger.

'Phil' to predict

winter weather

If the legend's to be believed, Over the centuries people narwe'll get the word this Sunday on rowed down the number of ani-

just how long winter's going to mals they watched on Feb. 2 for a

is Groundhog Day. Myth has it kept an eye on the bear, while in

ing, come out of their burrows and - ca. known today as the Pennsylva-

look for their shadows. If the nia Dutch, brought the legend

groundhog sees it, so the story here. Since badgers are not all that

German settlers, Groundhog Day more than a footnote today, back

esting history that actually dates Some farmers would even plant for

all the way back to the Middle not plant) their spring crops

Ages. The superstition in Europe according to what the groundhogs

Roman Catholic Church tagged bers of a special Punxsutawney

Feb. 2 as the day for Candlemas club trek out to his burrow to find

ny that ended with a procession have found that Phil's been right

through the church with lit can-only about 28 percent of the time.

was thought, was an indicator of feet long that belong to the squirrel

when spring would come. An old family. Woodchucks live in the east

this Sunday

stick around.

around the corner.

check the weather.

of the world.

rhyme makes the point:

In case you didn't know, Feb. 2

that on that day groundhogs.

who've spent the winter hibernat-

goes, winter goes on for another

six weeks. If not, spring is just

is a tradition with a long and inter-

hibernating animals, groundhogs

included, came out of their caves

and dens as spring approached to

Over time, people came to

believe that this mass exodus took

place on Candlemas, one of Chris-

tianity's oldest holy days. The

way back in the fourth century.

and distribute them to church

congregations in a special ceremo-

dles symbolizing Jesus as the light

The weather on Candlemas, it

"If Candlemas day be dry and

The half o' winter's to come and

The day saw clergy bless candles not.

Brought to this country by early

in medieval times was that all did.

Community Calendar

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

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 meet-

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)

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

TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly for an 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..

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 informatton, call Tom Lahiff 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

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School. 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information, call 349-2669.

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 380-4115 for more information.

Board of Appeals

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

Band rehearsal

The Novt Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School.

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.

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, son (810) 960-9559. 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-

Playstructure Committee Meeting

The Tim Pope Memorial Playstructure Committee meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, Volunteers are needed for construction. For additional information, contact Dan Davis at 347-0400.

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 call 349-2669. meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Room, Educational Services Cente:, 850 Ladd Rd., Building D.

Saturday, February 8

Sweetheart Dance

American Legion Post 224 is sponsoring its annual Sweetheart Dance from 8 p.m.-12 a.m. at the Wixom VFW Hall, 2652 Loon Lake Rd. There will be snacks, a eash bar and music provided by the Blue Midnights. Cost is \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more information, call 624-9742.

Monday, February 10

Senior All Night Party

Novi Senior All Night Party Committee meets from 7-8 p.m. at the high CHADD school in room 149. All parents are encouraged to attend. For more Information, contact Debbie Bechtel at 349-3318 or Patti Kearney at

Health tests

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

Library Board

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

American Business Women's Assoc.

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

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, February 11

SWOCC Meeting

The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission meets at 4:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall. 23600 Liberty St., in Farmington.

CAC Meeting

The Cable Access Commission meets at 7 p.m. at 24021 Research in

Civil Air Patrol

The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information,

Beautification Commission

The Novi Beautification Commission meets at 7:15 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Audience participation is welcome. For additional informa-

Camera Club

the estimated cost. Another \$1.7

million in bridge replacement, site

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mental, campus, college and Inter- 1991.

million in contracts through its

construction manager, George W.

under the estimated cost.

Auch Co. of Pontiac.

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, at 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

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 The Novi City Council will meet at 8 p.m. in the council chambers of health care professionals are welcome. There is a \$5 donation for nonmembers. For information, call the hotline at 486-2876.

Frank Raburn, a technology teacher at Novi's ITC works with seventh grader Jason Peremba on a computer exercise. For the upcoming Technology Fair, Raburn will be coordinating a computer-based "cyber-hunt."

Tech fair will feature 'cyber-hunt'

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

kids are doing at school anyway? Even when you ask, they always

reply "nothin" Well, Feb. 1 is the time to head answers," explained instructional over to Novi schools to test out the technology supervisor Jim Fry. "A to attend the event. The ITC is rare breed in Internet access. technology students in the district friendly contest." are using every day.

The Novi Educational Technoloon Saturday, February 1. To be held at the Instructional

Technology Center, the community Persuasion, HyperStudio, Claris- technology bond approved by votevent will highlight various soft- Works, Puzzle Tanks, Adobe Pho- ers in 1993. ware and computer technology toshop, WiggleWorks, Lego Logo used in the district's classrooms. Perhaps the highlight of the fair

7-11 yrs.

following God.

interested hunters should sign up - Internet program. Ever wonder just what those upon arrival. Although there will Guests during the fair will be tal cameras. 18 file servers, five be four sessions, space is limited. able to send electronic mail mes - Internet servers, four phone "It's somewhat of a contest to sages and students can write to switches, 280 television sets, 17 see who can find the most their teachers. The entire community is invited

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located on Taft Road, between Ten Mile and Eleven Mile Road. For of schools have Internet access in fair together to demonstrate the vari- further information call (810) 449- every classroom, as does Novi, gy Fair is set for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. ous technology and software the 1200. The district held a fair last according to Marvin Sauer of year, also to thank the community DataServe Inc., which provides

questions by using the Internet. By to write curriculum for the 230 dot matrix or laser printers

According to Fry, the district now has a total of 2,000 Macintosh, Apple and Pentium computis the ability to go on a "cyber- will be demonstrated by Novi ers in use for the 4.912 students

hunt." Participants will act as teachers who were selected as part in the district.

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teams to hunt down answers to of a group of ten teachers national. In addition, the schools have

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dent)." The group will call itself the Galileo Consortium, for the Italian have to make a difference," added 400 years ago who challenged OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus.

"How can we develop for the board Jan. 27. "There will be seven release time and campus staff 21st Century? will be the theme to nine slots for OCC. We have development funds. Keith said. monthly meetings, said George Dick McDowell (Schoolcraft presi-

Its emphasis will be on educa- funded by the Battle Creek compational leadership rather than my that pioneered healthy breakdeveloping administrators, said fast cereals early in this century, first class," Keith told the OCC will help participants through

OCC board members were enthusiastic, but vice chair Janice Pontiac school district wasn't er \$1 million in site and roof work

Ridge Campus of Oakland Com- (Schoolcraft academic vice presi- years. "Whatever these people do will

> tor of physical plant They are being funded by \$30 million a year in new money. Vot-

Three of the 31 renovation pro- work, door and culvert replaceastronomer and philosopher of Carol Brown, academic dean of jects bid out have been completed, ment are under way. and about half are in the design stage, said Patrick Kopytek, direc-

While the Kellogg Foundation, will support the project with ers in mid-1995 raised the proper-"We're beginning to recruit our grants, the participating schools by tax rate 0.8 of a mill (80 cents

included. Keith and Brown said is under construction.

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per \$1,000 of taxable value) for seven years for renovations and new programs. Finished are • Auburn Hills Campus - central tract to do computer data network cials said. Simmons was disappointed that heating evaluation, \$8,635. Anothe consulting and design for the col-

the project, if successful, is almost Orchard Ridge Campus - roof Insulation Special 6" R-14 Fiberglass Blown in



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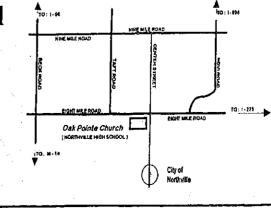
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Hours:

"It is very difficult to get an

upgrade in the rating. We were

"You'd have to move to another

Main Street site burgled overnight Novi Briefs

was still running and the glass

equipment worth nearly \$3,000 was taken from a construction trailer at the Main Street Village. Apartment site, Jan. 17 or 18. According to police reports. unknown suspects apparently cutthe pad lucks on two traffers to gain entry to the equipment and supplies during the night. However, only one trailer was actually missing any equipment. Police said this is the second occurrence of

the sort at the site. Police said a project supervisor saw someone drive away from the site in a pick-up truck before the foreman arrived early that morning and found the disturbance. One boot print was found near the

Police said an electrical traffer may have also been broken into.

PROWLER

A Monticello resident called police to report a prowler pecking in her windows and knocking on the glass at about 10:30 p.m. on

The woman told police a white male with short dark hair wearing dark pants and a long white shirt -knocked on her window while standing on a bench outside to

When she went to the window to see who was there, he fled. Minrites fater he was back and repeat-

Officers searched the area but

A runaway prisoner didn't get at 2:50 p.m. by Walled Lake Police prisoner who headed for the trees about 50 feet and spotted the very far Jan. 17, making it only to on charges of retail fraud and Orchard Ridge Subdivision.

the woods near the Novl Police armed robbery. When the police He said a passerby stopped on Station where he was finally apprehended. "We caught him and he's in the

hands of the law now," said Novi and head for the trees. Officer Lou Bigliardi, who helped

be held Feb. 5 and 6 in the Meads

'students, sixth and seventh grade at home.

AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48375-3024.

est of the City of Novi.

(1-30-97 NPI, NN 14644)

Police News

A woman sleeping at her door to the cigarette store was boyfriend's Summer House Court shattered. An aluminum baseball aparlment Jan. 23 awoke to see a bat, a black knit hat and garbage man carefully wipe the snow from - bags were on the ground near the her boyfriend's GMC Jimmy, then car, according to the report. How-

get in the vehicle and leave. ever, the suspects had not gained Police said the woman happened - entry to the store. to look out the window at the Police said additional units were parking lot at about 4:30 a.m. She called and the Wolverine Lake saw a man wearing a baseball cap - canine unit searched the area and with an orange or yellow bill wip- tracked the scent to an area near ing the snow from the vehicle while - the Village Apartments. The susthe engine was running. The two pect was spotted and arrested. The 17-year-old from Detroit was

She woke her sleeping boyfriend taken to the station. Meanwhile, Novi's tracking dog, and the two ran downstairs but Mugsy, was brought in and did not reach the vehicle in time. It tracked two sets of prints to the Police informed neighboring Harbor Cove condominiums, howcities of the stolen vehicle and ever the scent was lost.

Farmington Hills Police picked up The car was discovered to be the Jimmy for several miles before stolen out of Detroit.

Novi Police stopped a break-in at against the Castle Wine Shop at the Smoker's Express when a Beck Road and Pontiac Trail after patrol car pulled into the parking a Novi officer spotted a 20-year-old ot of the store, Jan. 24. The officer passed by the lot at store, according to the report. about 3 a.m. when he noticed a According to reports, an officer suspicious vehicle. As he pulled in was conducting plainclothes

the suspect managed to break free gone.

PURCHASING DIRECTOR

Mill Media Center. While it will feat interest from one of 14 categories ence class.

ture predominantly eighth grade—and conducted their experiments—

students may also display their — The students will set up the pro-

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI

REQUEST FOR BIDS

STREET TREE PLANTING — 1997

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Street Tree Planting according to

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Thursday, Febru-

ary 27, 1997, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be

CITY OF NOVI

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR

45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.

Novi MI 48375-3024

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm.
ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "STREET TREE PLANTING — 1997"

Bidders are invited to attend a Pre-Bid Conference, on February 12, 1997 a

The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and aware

10:00 a.m. to be held in the Council Chambers at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W

the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities

or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the con-

tract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best inter

If your neighbor's house caught fire,

Wouldn't you want to do more than watch?

Officer Bigliardi was arriving to stop," said Bigliardi.

The students selected an area of will view the displays during sci-

losing sight of it near Eight Mile Road and the Southfield Freeway. Novi Police are seeking a Liquor Control Commission warrant

Wixon man buying beer from the to investigate he saw three males - observation of the shopping plaza

scatter and run away. Taking a about 8:30 p.m. Jan. 10, when he

year-old Novi man was brought in patrol car to catch up with the chase. The two men went into the

invited to see the projects on

ing to the specifications of the City of Novi.

addressed as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 5, between 8:30 until 8:30 p.m.

The officer watched as another young white male exited the shop carrying a 12-pack and six-pack of beer and walked quickly to the car floor and reentered the store

according to the report. After two to three minutes, the nan exited the store again and got The officer approached and

identified himself, asking for their Identifications. The passenger said "I'm not 21" and admitted to being 20-years-old. The driver also indicated he was 20-years-old. The passenger said he purchased beer at the shop but

"wasn't carded." The officer called for extra units and got a description of the clerk who sold the man The officer said the clerk was

very cooperative and admitted to not asking for the man's identification. He said, however, the Wixom man had been in the shop before and produced ID stating he was 21-years-old.

Police arrested the Wixon man and took him to the station. He admitted to "having a few beers earlier" and was held for detoxification. He received a citation for underage purchasing and consum-

the above incidents are urged to closer look, the officer saw the car noticed a young white male sitting 348-7100. call the Novi Police Department at

Escapee quickly cornered by cops

car carrying the prisoner pulled the side of the road to point out into the garage near the fail doors. where the man in handcuffs had

Parents and the community are 2:30 p.m. and again from 6:15

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI

REQUEST FOR BIDS

RADIANT HEATING SYSTEM —

FIRE STATION #1

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a Radiant Heating System accord-

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FIRE STATION #1" AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

ary 13, 1997, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be

"We didn't have to tackle him He was laying down in a low spot apparently trying to hide from us. There was no struggle other than

The future is now

If you want to get involved in Novi's futuring process, tonight's the night. Everyone is invited to join in to help create a vision statement for the city's next 25 years. The sessions are tonight from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Bring the klds, free child care services will be offered. Appearing as guest speaker at the kirk-off will be Congressman Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township. Knollenberg will pinch hit for Michigan's Senate Majorily Leader Dick Posthumous, R-Alto, who can-

Kindergarten information

All Novi school district elementary schools will host informational meetings for parents on Tuesday, March 11. To enter kindergarten in the fall of 1997, a child must be 5 years of age on Dec. 1. This is a state law and does not allow for exceptions.

Novi Woods and Village Oaks elementaries will meet at 7:30 p.m. Parkview and Orchard Hills elementaries will meet at 7 p.m. For assistance in determining which school your child should attend, contact the communications assistant at (810) 449-1200. For more information, call Novi Woods at 449-1230, Orchard Hills at 449-1400, Parkview at 449-1220 and Village Oaks at 449-1300.

Preparing for Earth Day

Residents interested in getting down and dirty in preparation for spring should register for the Master Composter Training Course to be held in the Novi Community Center beginning Feb. 18. Participants will graduate on Earth Day, April 22.

The course will feature presentations from professional landscape and garden experts, lawn care professionals, and experienced Master Composters. Participants will learn how to make compost at home, choose the right plants for landscaping, and improve soil by using natural

Classes will be held on ten consecutive Tuesday evenings from 7 until 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. Space is limited. Those interested may receive a registration form by calling the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County at (810) 208-2270 or by visiting RRRASOC's booth at the Home and Garden Show at the Novi Expo Center this Thursday through Sunday.

Grant funding for the course is being provided by the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Program, RRRASOC is sponsoring the course in partnership with the Southeast Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority. For more information, call RRRASOC's Recycling Coordinator, Heidi Jo Wayco, at (810) 208-2270.

Correction

est of the City of Novi.

(1-30-97 NR, NN 14646)

The Novi Middle School Honor Roll that appeared in the Jan. 23 edition of The Novi News should have read that it was the second marking

Volunteers needed for Make-A-Wish

Volunteers are needed for the local volunteer council of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan. The next volunteer meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Quality Inn located at Ann Arbor Roadand 1-275 in Plymouth. Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children who are suffering with life-threatening illnesses. For more information, please call the Make-A-Wish state office at 800-622-9474.

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR 'PROFESSIONAL ROOF CONSULTING. **ENGINEERING, AND** CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

SERVICES" (RFP'S) The City of Novi will receive request for proposals for Professional Roof Consuiting, Engineering, and Construction Management Services" (RFP's) according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bids will be received until 5:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday,

February 12, 1997. Proposals shall be addressed as follows: CITY OF NOVI CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR

Novi, MI 48375-3024 All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "PROFESSIONAL ROOF CONSULT-ING, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES" AND

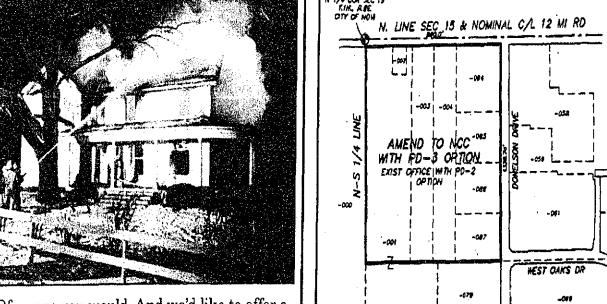
MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER. The City reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the con tract in any manner deemed by the City, in its sole discretion, to be in the best inter

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

(1-30-97 NR, NN 14679)

NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 19, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi

Property located south of Twelve Mile Road, west of Donelson Drive for POSSI-BLE AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE MAP FROM OFFICE/PD-2 TO NON-CENTER COMMERCIAL/PD-3 OR ANY OTHER APPRO-PRIATE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION.



Of course you would. And we'd like to offer a suggestion: Become a member of the Novi Fire Department.

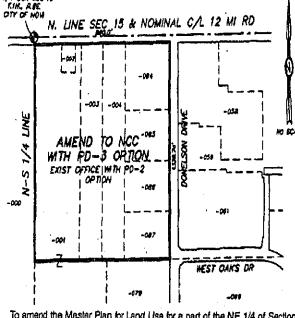
The Novi Fire Department is looking for people who have the courage and dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges.

Applications are now being accepted for paid-on-call fire fighters until January 31,

You can pick up an application at Fire Station 1, 42975 Grand River, or call 349-2162 for more information.

CITY OF NOVI

Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the following: MASTER PLAN FOR LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT



To amend the Master Plan for Land Use for a part of the NE 1/4 of Section 15 T.1N., R.9E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, beling part of parcel 22-15-200-001 and parcels 22-15-200-002, -003, -004, -084, -085, -086, -087 more partic

Beginning at the N 1/4 corner of Section 15; thence Easterly 990.00 feet along the north line of Section 15 (nominal C/L of Twelve Mile Road) to the NE comer of parcel 22-15-200-084; thence Southerly 1328.74 feet along the easterly lines of parcels 22-15-200-084, -085, -086 and -087 also being the westerly line of Donelsor Drive to the SE corner of said parcel -087; thence Westerly along the south lines of parcels 22-15-200-087, -004 and -003 and its westerly extension to its intersection with the N-S 1/4 line of Section 15; thence Northerly along said N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning. Containing 30.3 acres, more or less.

FROM: OFFICE WITH PD-2 OPTION TO: NON CENTER COMMERCIAL WITH PD-3 OPTION All Interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m.

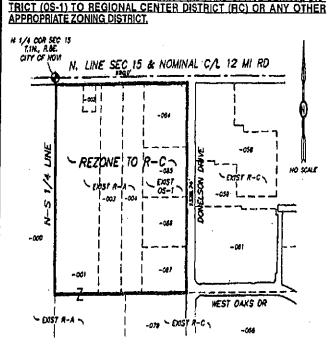
NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION (1-30-97 NR, NN 14677)

TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 19, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider the following:

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.597 Property located south of Twelve Mile Road, west of Donelson Drive for POSSI-BLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE DISTRICT (R-A) AND OFFICE SERVICE DIS-



To rezone a part of the NE 1/4 of Section 15, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being part of parcel 22-15-200-001 and parcels 22-15-200-002, 003, -004, -085, -085, -086 and -087 more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the N 1/4 comer of Section 15; thence Easterly 990.00 feet along the north line of Section 15 (nominal C/L of Twelve Mile Road) to the NE corner of parcel 22-15-200-084; thence Southerly 1328.74 feet along the easterly lines of parcels 22-15-200-084, -085, -086 and -087 also being the westerly line of Donalsor Drive to the SE corner of said parcel -087; thence Westerly along the south line of parcels 22-15-200-087, -004 and -003 and its wasterly extension to its intersection with the N-S 1/4 line of Section 15; thence Northerly along said N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning. Containing 30.3 acres, more or less. FROM: OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT

R-A RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE R-C REGIONAL CENTER DISTRICT

(1-30-97 NR, NN 14677)

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at e hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community evelopment Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m.

> NOVI PLANNING COMMISSION KIM THOMAS CAPELLO, SECRETARY TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

The Log Book

the emergency runs of the Novi Fire 2. Department for the week ending Jan. 26. Each incident is listed by tupe, location, time and the engine and squad number which respond-

MONDAY, JAN. 20 Medical, 39604 Buston Blyd.,

6:56 a.m., Squad 1. Medical, 22510 Deerfield, 7:51 a.m., Squad 3. Medical, 25673 Meadowbrook, 8:28 a.m., Squad 1.

Vehicle car, Summer Lane-Lot 9, 10:13 a.m., Engine 4. Investigation, 30792 Palmer. 11:58 a.m., Squad 2. Medical, 30885 Jasper Ridge, a.m., Engines 1 and 4.

Medical, 40000 Grand River.

12:09 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 45182 West Road, 3:14 p.m., Squad 2. Medical, 1289 East Lake, 7:42 5:15 p.m., Response 510.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21

p.m., Squad 2.

12:05 p.m., Squad I

Medical, 31015 Beachwalk, 4:37 a.m., Squad 2. Investigation, 23931 Willow- 11:29 p.m., Engine 2. brook, 5:27 a.m., Squad 3.

Road, 8:11 a.m., Engines 1 and 3. Medical, 26401 Novi Road, 8:44 a.m., Squad 1

Medical, 40400 Grand River. Mile Road, 9:53 p.m., Squad 1. 8:47 a.m., Squad 1. Investigation, 41477 Cypress Way, 9:10 a.m., Squad 2.

Fire alarm, 42850 Ten Mile FRIDAY, JAN. 24 Medical, 23564 Meadowbrook, p.m., Engine 3. 3:22 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, Ingersoll and Eleven

p.m., Engine 3.

Fire alarm, 45825 Eleven Mile 5:11 p.m., Squad 1

Medical, 24375 Haggerty, 10:51 a.m., Squad 1. Gas main fire, Brookstone and

The following is a complete list of Vista, 11:58 a.m., Engines 1 and Road, 11:18 p.m., Engine 4.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22 Injury accident, Clark and

Grand River, 8:23 a.m., Squad 1. Medical, 1-96 rest stop, 8:44 9:36 a.m., Squad 1. Medical, 22502 Mansion, 4:15

p.m., Squad 3. Injury accident, Grand River and Novi Road, 5:08 p.m., Squad 1. Injury accident, Ten Mile and

Old Orchard, 6:39 p.m., Squad 1. Medical, 27750 Novi Road, 7:27 p.m., Squad 2. THURSDAY, JAN. 23

5:59 p.m., Squad 2. Trailer fire, 1436 Nardeer, 10:48 Medical, JCPenny's in Twelve and 3. Oaks mall, 12:36 p.m., Squad 1.

Car fire, I-96 and Novi Road 3:21 p.m., Engines 1 and 2. Service, 42875 Grand River. Rubbish fire, Moorgate and SUNDAY, JAN. 26

Royal Crown, 5:30 p.m., Engine 3. Fire alarm, 41320 Singh, 9:17 9:46 a.m., Squad 4. House fire, 1149 E. Lake Drive, a.m., Squad 2.

p.m., Squad 2. Investigation, 22870 Gilbar, 2:57

Medical, 44827 North Hills, 3-48 p.m., Squad 3. Medical, 44000 Grand River,

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

a.m., Squad 4.

Road, 1:42 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.

Medical, 28840 Hearthstone, cate put logether by Paine-Webber. by voters in November. The Member Bob Schmid wondered. Building fire, 39555 Orchard Hill Place, 6:36 p.m., Engines 1

Medical, 41838 Chalet, 11:4

Medical, 31057 Collingdale, 4:41 a.m., Squad 2. Six potential buyers were willing unity has in the City of Novi," said to AA-minus. AAA is the highest Medical, 24809 Old Orchard. to take a chance on the City of Novi's bonding attorney Dennis rating.

Medical, 26210 Kentucky, 10:30 Fire alarm, 42775 Nine Mile Road, 11:34 a.m., Engines 1 and

firm Standard & Poor's, making Because the city hopes to start fairly aggressive in asking for it, in the sale more attractive to construction this spring, the idea the theory that those that don't Medical, 41606 Kenilworth, 4:06

Inc. will buy the bonds, the Novi remaining \$9 million is the first \$5.185 million in interest for the Car fire, 27500 Novi Road, 9:24 \$11,225 million in bonds, which Fire alarm, 45182 West Road, p.m., Engine 1.

"They are really extraordinary of Novi's already healthy rating.

Medical, 48443 Nine Mile Road

Medical, 29605 Le Grand, 2:50

56.666 in 1994.

City Council agreed. That means—round of the \$17.1 million road—state," Neiman said. that Novi taxpayers will pay bond issue, also voter approved. Novi has the highest municipal Novi's bond attorneys and City rating available for a community Manager Ed Kriewall met in New located in Michigan, the attorney York City recently with the two explained.

Nationally, the interest rate for bond rating agencies. Standard & Two weeks ago, the city advermunicipal bonds is at about 5.72 - Poor's and Moody's with a little bid - tised the sale in a publication tar-

Buyers line up for share

of Novi's top rated bonds

Novi's \$11.225 million general Neiman, of Miller, Canffeld, Pad- The higher the municipal bond

obligation bonds for roads and a dock and Stone, "You're doing real-rating, the better the interest rates

As the low bidder, with an interpossible. Of this first sale, \$2.25 So what can Novi do to get an

est rate of 5.1696 percent, a syndi- million is for the fire bond passed—even better bond rating, Council

Novi recently won an upgrade in nity and they like your paper.

its bond rating from the New York They'll buy it."

bids. They reflect appropriately the Moody's held fast at A-1, bu

ly well by the investment commu-that can be won from buyers.

was to sell the bonds as quickly as ask, don't get." Neiman said.

confidence the investment commu-Standard & Poor's promoted Novi

of their own, to urge the upgrade geted for the market, The Bond

Michigan last year to 62,535 from the Creek) with 1,615.

accounted for the biggest toll. Kent deer crashes in 1995.

Auto insurers and law enforce- County (Grand Rapids) led the

Twenty-two of the 83 counties Southern Michigan local roads counted more than 1,000 vehicle-

ment agencies reported the traffic state with 1,976, followed by Jack- the state with 1,331 deer, up 2.6 kill of deer rose 10 percent in son with 1,699 and Calhoun (Bat-percent; Eaton 1,287, up nearly 17 percent; Livingston 1,150, up 4.5 percent; Clinton 858, up more

than 17 percent; and Wayne 319,

Members

,A maverick Republican has State Rep. Greg Kaza, Ra photo identification card before

intimidate certain classes of vottheir right to vote under the U.S. Constitution.

Kaza was the only Republican to vote against the measure when the House passed it 56-44 on Dec. 13. the last day of the session. He said he has confidence in the FBI's ability to investigate vote fraud. "when and if it occurs."

583 of 1996 and took a blistering attack from new House Speaker "There isn't any evidence of voter

should try to increase access, not 'All it will do is make it more dif-

During the signing ceremony,

PA 583 also: · Eliminates the need for candidates for party precinct delegate to file petitions signed by voters. Delegate candidates will need to sub-

amendment was added in the Sen-

• Requires more voting stations. in order to reduce the number of

machines. · Sets a maximum, as well as minimum, number of signatures that may be filed on candidates'

clash over new voter ID rules

joined Democrats in questioning the need for a new voting law designed to curb fraud at the polls. Rochester Hills, asked the U.S. Justice Department to review the legality of a law, signed Jan. 17 by Gov. John Engler, that would require Michigan voters to present

being given a ballot. The law "has the potential to ers," Kaza wrote in a letter to U.S. Attornev General Janet Reno. "Citizens who do not possess a photo identification card should not be disenfranchised from exercising

Engler signed it as Public Act

Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit. fraud, which supporters claim necessitated the legislation in the first place," said Hertel. "We

restrict it ficult for many people, including the elderly who are less likely to h have driver licenses, to vote," said

Engler replied, "People don't need an identification card to vote, but without identification, they could be challenged." Engler said voter identification cards will be available free at Secretary of State branch offices for

those who lack driver's licenses.

"The hallmark of a democracy is absolute assurance of the integrity of the process," Engler said. The law started as House Bill 5420, sponsored by Rep. Beverly Hammerstrom, R-Temperance, a former local clerk, and was designed as a routine repair of election procedures. The photo ID

mit an affidavit of identity with the county or local clerk.

voters using a station from 400 to Provides for certification – and decertification - of voting

· Provides that election counting centers may be set up only in locations also used as polling places. · Establishes a criminal offense for threatening or harassing a poll

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List of classes at Novi High keeps getting longer

The course menu at Novi High School just keeps getting longer. Rita Traynor, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum for Novi-Schools, presented plans for livenew high school courses at the Jan. 23 Board of Education meet-

The full proposal is expected to appear on the consent agenda of the Feb. 6 meeting for board. approval. That means unless it is taken off the agenda for discussion, it will be voted on without further review.

The five new courses proposed for next year are: CAD (computer) aided design) Graphics and Programming. Science Foundations II. World History Land II, Marketing Education and Japanese/Asian

There are 107 courses from 11 departments now at the high According to a district report for - Its.

the board. The need to offer the presented for approval. However, heads and administrators. to expand student choices within according to the written proposals. the block schedule, but also by the - it could cost nearly \$7,500 for new - providing students with additional - more non-European history than - advanced science courses, such as textbooks, CD-ROMs, transparen- experience in the field, according before cies and videodises for the World to Traynor. It will also help the riculum expectations The black schedule of four 85-History courses and nearly students gain opportunities out-

minute classes a day was \$15,000 for hardware upgrades, side the classroom. approved by the board and district - technology and software for the in order to change the way of CAD program. teaching and learning, adhere to state curriculum recommenda-

Board questions course coverage

Novi High School is proposing a new course to the country you have interpreters or you entitled Japanese and Asian studies, but—can learn the language there." Trustee Julie Abrams said she sees it as a Board of Education members are questioning

social studies course with some emphasis on the language, George Kortlandt, too, suggest-According to the written proposal, the ed rather than focusing on Japan, the course emphasis appears to be on understanding, learning and writing the Japanese language; should focus more on the many cultures of understanding and interpreting Japanese ges-The course will study the society using the tures and body language; analyzing the Japanese culture and changes in today's soci-Japanese language, according to the proposal.

tricts that offer various non-traditional lan-President Ray Byers said learning about the ety; and studying Japanese and Asian geogracultural differences is a "plus." But trustees reviewing the proposal at the "(The students) will have a much better understanding of and tolerance of a much dif-Jan. 23 school board meeting wondered if the focus should be on the language (it is intendferent culture than they've ever (studied ed to be offered through the language departheforel," Byers said.

"If we want to improve the ... It is targeted for tenth graders - els.

opportunity for the students to be - who are expected to be non-sei-

take one independent of the other

eredit course for students.

language," sald Trustee John Streit. "If you go ed in taking a Japanese studies course.

Novi schools also received many requests from students and parents, according to

"non-traditional" foreign language class to students other than French, German and According to the written proposal, other dis-

Traypor said the district would like to offer

guage programs include: West Bloomfield. Livonia, Troy, Utica, Birmingham and Farm-The Novi school district is well-known for its

ties to Novi's "sister city" Owani in Japan. School and city officials as well as some stu-The need for the course was determined in dents have traveled to Japan twice. Owani part by a 1995 high school survey in which visitors have stayed here in Novi three times.

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But Traynor said all teachers are they not move on to the higher levhired based on their ability to teach at least two courses and that "We don't want the High School Proficiency Test) to drive us com-

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The new Marketing class would be offered out of the business. department and would give students added exposure to business

The Japanese/Asian studies course would be offered through the language department and would focus on the Japanese langoage and the study of Asian soci-

According to Dr. Jennifer Cheal, assistant principal at the high school, the courses will be staffed by people within the building, except for the Japanese course. However, since the high school will need to hire additional teachers due to growing enrollment, the need for that teacher can be fulfilled during that biring period.

specifically trained for a course. Should the course be dropped, the district may have to keep the teacher because of contracts or tenure, he said. What if the teacher isn't trained to teach another

Trustee George Kortlandt voiced

Science Foundations I is a one pletely," she explained, "But we

required for all ninth grade stu-- learning and how can we integrate - explained



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Homeowners protest home size in new sub

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Residents of Barclay Estates are calling for an adjacent subdivision order to protect their investment. "If it's not in the same ballpark it will negatively affect out own property," said Robert Russell. We've got \$300,000 to \$500,000

invested in these homes." Dunnabeck Estates off Beck Road just south of Nine Mile Road. Although the parcel is zoned for what could be apartments, proper-

ty owner Joe Dunnabeck (s proposing a 15-home development clay Estates off Beck Road. 2.200- to 2.800-square-foot colo- tions by city consultant Brandon nial and ranch homes would. Rogers,

front of the road will be preserved,

Novi have sold their acres to big dr.

developers and left town, the

builder to come in and max out

property size, city ordinances and by the location along Beek Road. to adhere to the cost and quality. Homes will probably sell for standards of their own homes in \$230,000 to \$280,000, he said. According to his real estate agent, Ginger Barrons, "\$400,000

> bly wouldn't sell." "It's not going to be a cheap development," Dunnabeck assured the half million dollar mark.

able to develop it until the sewer Under the current zoning a 50-

A half-acre wetland near the plan 8-0 but did request the

Dunnabeck said the price and size of the homes is limited by the homes fronting Beck Road proba-

The handful of residents the commission. He added it will appeared at the Jan. 22 Novi Plan- act like a buffer between the main ning Commission Meeting put in road and the Barclay subdivision. their two cents about the proposed - consisting of nearly 90 homes near property for 50 years and wasn't

on seven acres in the front of Bar- unit complex, drawing 300 or more Residents of the subdivision of in at the site, according to estima-

access the development from The commission said they were Stratford Lane, which leads into happy to see Dunnabeck choose to Barday Estates. The homes would develop single-family homes be place along a cul-de-sac road, instead and that his plan seemed leaving half of the backyards fac- to meet all the requirements. The commission approved the homes be similar in architecture to

Now, 27 years later, the family is

Dunnabeck develops own parcel

Dumnabecks are developing their planning to put 15 homes on said Joseph Jr. He and his wife, Karen, will live in one of the new homes. He's not The family is working with going very far, he said. "Just

enough where I'll have to change

in the 1950s after moving his fami- the 1950s but was unable to devel ly out of Detroit. In the 1970s, he op additional units because the While many old landowners in sold three acres to his son, Joseph land couldn't be hooked to sewers. ments when he's not in Florida.

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lot of things happen out here we don't approve of, like big develop-

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own small subdivision in western seven acres and call it Dunnabeck

Dunnabeck, Jr. "We didn't want a Research and Development.

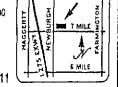
explained Joseph builder John Redmond of Vision



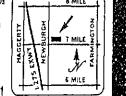
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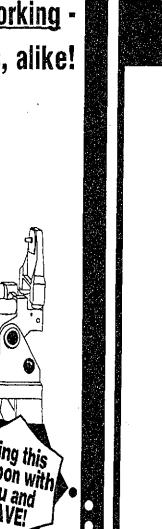
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By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

Housing once again appeared to take over the spotlight of Novi development in 1996. And according to Don Saven, head of the building department, the trend should continue.

"This is going to be hotter than a firecracker this year if the mortgage rates are still reasonable and if the water moratorium is lifted, look out," he explained.

Greg Capote, staff planner for

the department of planning and community development, agreed. Market trends and the amount of land still available for subdivision development in the western portion of the city indicate homes will continue to be a staple of development numbers for years to come, he said.

"I don't see any big changes as to what's been happening in the past five to six years in Novi," said

The total cost of the construction within the city of Novi was \$128 million last year, according to Saven. That's nearly a 20 percent increase from 1995.

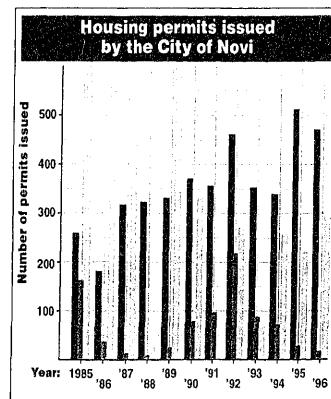
The city took in a total of \$1.3 million in permit fees, comparable to 1995 figures.

The planning department report ed "continued strong activity" in single family homes for 1996. The tally for the year was 461 home permits issued, a small drop of 46

Thirteen subdivision plans totalling 511 lots pushed through — is the basis for property taxes. the planning department. Bristol Corners phases one, two and three was the largest subdivision to be approved with 231 lots.

The median sales price of homes in Novi and Novi Township as of November 1996 was \$172,750, up \$17,750 from 1995 when it was \$155,000. In 1996, there were 587 now the city of many multiple homes sales totaling \$109.4 mil-What that means is homeowners

will continue to be the bulk of Residential real property tax increased 11 percent over last year Portsmouth Apartments and to make up 63.2 percent of total Maples of Novi Apartments, locat-





Housing construction continues at a furious pace in Novi, even in bad weather.

Rate of development won't slow anytime soon

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL

near term future, already a city of more than and Bristol Corners. 40.000 inhabitants.

The year-end report for Planning and Comnunity Development includes a forward-lookng section which details what can be expect-

According to consultant Brandon M. Rogers, attractive mortgage terms and choice will be a open this year. key to the strong continuation of single family

city. The SEV is set at half the the bulk of the construction. value of a property. That number Permit value, or the cost of construction, for the apartment build-

ing increased 97 percent over the

Tom Ball, manager of the

ues to boom, except that obviously

the demand for apartment living

The Springs Apartments is

open four or five more buildings.

Ball said the multiple dwellings

has not been fulfilled.

nice place to live.

Although the city had anticipated a drop-off in multiple housing previous year at \$14 million. sales last year to match a small decrease in 1995, it turned out to Springs Apartments said he's not be a big year for apartment living sure exactly why the area contin-

dwellings as 299 apartment units (38) buildings were built, com- expected to add nine more buildpared with 222 units (8 buildings) ings, he said. And the Portsmouth

The Springs Apartments, the

Completion of many large developments is Main Street development, Novi Place at Eight expected to wrap up in 1997, including the Mile and Haggerty, City Center Plaza and City officials and consultants see no end to 240 unit Main Street Village apartments, the Glenda's Market the growth and development of Novi in the - Vistas of Novi, Society Hill luxury apartments

> Rogers forecasts a "resurgence of commercial construction and development." Plans for restaurants to feed hungry shop-

pers and working families include Einstein ed industrial developments. Additionally, Bagels, Andris Romain and On-the-Border Rogers foresees the Walsh College campus were submitted in 1996 and are anticipated to Retail projects to provide more places for arena and Crescent Oaks Continuum Care

residents to spend their money include the Facility to open in 1997.

Merritt Handling Systems, Harada Industry

of America, Ray Electric, Arbor Drug Warehouse expansion, The Hall Group, Conserva Electric, Grand Place Commons, and Dales Graphic and Supply will lit the bill for expectexpansion, Sinai Park, Providence expansion, Soccer Zone, the Novi Sports Club, the ice

Not just young professionals, not construction trends, especially sinjust seniors or families, but a good gle family detached homes, non-Condominiums were less of an tively flat.

occurrence in 1996, with ten less 1.2 percent from last year but dwelling permits issued compared dropped to 25.5 percent of the The number of permits issued to total SEV. Industrial SEV residents and companies for addi-increased 3.4 percent but tions or remodeling of homes and decreased to 8.9 percent of the buildings was down from 1995, "I think when you look at the but the construction cost numbers type of users and look at OST were higher. The building depart-

ment issued 629 permits last year (office-service) and high tech develfor construction worth \$23 million opments, those developments are built in 1995. Not since 1990 have Apartments nearby is expected to in comparison to 694 permits in more complex and and costly." said Capote. "The build-cycle and However, according to the plandecision making process cycles ... keep popping up because "il's a ning department, while "the trends are not comparable between strip reflect continued strong residential mall building and putting up small

"It will take some more time before you see activity on the list of who is coming to town," he

"I can say realtors have come to the door with high tech but just haven't submitted any plans yet," Capote said. Six office developments, 14

industrial and 16 commercial pre posals were submitted to the city for review last year. For the non-residential buildings actually issued permits to begin construction last year, the con-

struction costs were valued at nearly \$24 million, according to The city also worked on the Novi Community Sports Park at Napier and Eight Mile roads, the Eight

Mile Road improvements and the Haggerty Connector. were submitted to the city including Provident Family Dentistry tient rehabilitation center.

Fourteen industrial plans were presented including Dales and Graphic Supply, American Isuzu. Motors and Harada Industries of

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the city totaled 16, for sites includcer Zone. Novi Auto Wash and Pathways to Learning.

Vic's launches trendy 'smoker the blizzard conditions with a The walk-in eigar shop main- her into smoking her first eigar.

Novi resident Mark Gardner introduced to me by my brother in received a humidor for Christmas. Vie's holds wine tastings fre-night for a romantic evening will parcels intact." ighting fine wines from around

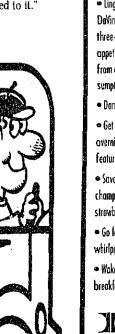
"You know what's big now is goes for a nighttime walk around smoking jackets," he told his friends. "That's what we should

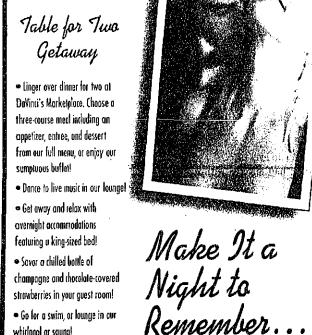
Wine distributor Mike Arnold, right, of Novi helps a wine-taster to a glass of Australian McLaren Vale Seaview Sheraz at Vic's.

Made popular by Hollywood Celebrities, eigar rooms are becoming trendy throughout the Some of it's because it's good after country. While typically called a "guy

the cigars for sale to customers.

thing," the women at the event said it's not just a guy thing. "I do like it," sald Cathy Chakenjoyed a visit to Vic's humidor, los. "It's like a fad, a new thing and





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Anti-sprawl legislation watered down by state

Realtors cheered as Gov. John -Engler signed a new Land Division — ronmental Council (MEC). Act aimed at halting the wasting of Jarmland.

"We're just plain disappointed," Council of Governments, SEMCOG wants to halt "urban sprawl" and asked Engler to veto the bill.

Lake. The governor cited two until March 31, creating "the divide their land under the provi-

April again split the parcel." • SB 112, now known as Public Act 591 of 1996, did nothing to speed up the "bureaucratie" approval of new subdivisions. cchoing the Realtors' criticism. Crux of the fight was the ques-

plat the land under the eye of local tial purposes and too small for government, drain commissioner agriculture purposes." He said the and county road panel. Local units new schedule allows: typically require a good water supply, ability to handle wastewater. road access and lot shape. Realtors were successful in

watering down the Senate bill when it reached the House Local Government Committee.

The Realtors said, "The new law does not require that land parcels be over 10 acres in size to be if at least 60 percent of the original The next event is set for Valen- exempt (from the subdivision con-"It's kind of like having a cup of tine's Day, Feb. 14. The cost for trol act), allowing for much more after the split. coffee after a good meal," she the wine tasting is \$12, however, efficient use of land. It also allows anyone dining in Vic's Cafe that property owners to keep larger

quently throughout the year, high-receive free entrance to the wine. Urging a veto were SEMCOG,

Michigan Townships Association Only the Michigan Association of and Michigan Association of Counties, as well as the Michigan Envi-"This latest version does not address the problem of land puz-

zling or bowling alley lots," said said John Amberger, executive Julie Stoneman, MEC's land prodirector of the Southeast Michigan grams director. The MEC spokesperson added: "Over time, we will still have more platting exemptions than Even Engler was unhappy at the currently allowed, which means

passage of Senate Bill 112, spon- developers have the ability to cresored by Sen. Leon Stille, R-Spring—ate large subdivisions over time without necessary public review. And SB 112 does very little to pro-• The bill wasn't given "immedi-teet farmland or other natural ate effect" and won't become law resource lands. It's a flawed bill." Most parties agreed Michigan potential that landowners could—was wasting farmland by allowing farms to be split into an unlimited number of 10-plus acre parcels without going through subdivision procedures. Result: "bowling alley"

parcel, taking that land out of farm production. Said Engler: "This legislation puts a stop to the unlimited cretion of how many land splits will ation of 10.01-acre parcels, creatbe allowed before a developer must - ing lots too large for most residen-

lots that extended far back into a

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Leathers firm unveils design for playscape

So far, about \$10,000 has been collected for the project, Bonaven-

The committee has already collected \$2,000 from Twelve Oaks Mall and run a gift wrapping conbuilding a playscape in that city. Here's the timeline for the

playstructure, which will be built are to be confirmed by March 20, at the city's Community Sports while everything not donated will Park at Eight Mile and Napier be ordered on March 27.

the bank account by March 27, which is designated as also organi-While contributions of money

be able to buy specific items for the project, such as a slide or

A design day is scheduled for April 11 and by May 20, 100 percent of the funds are expected to he in hand.

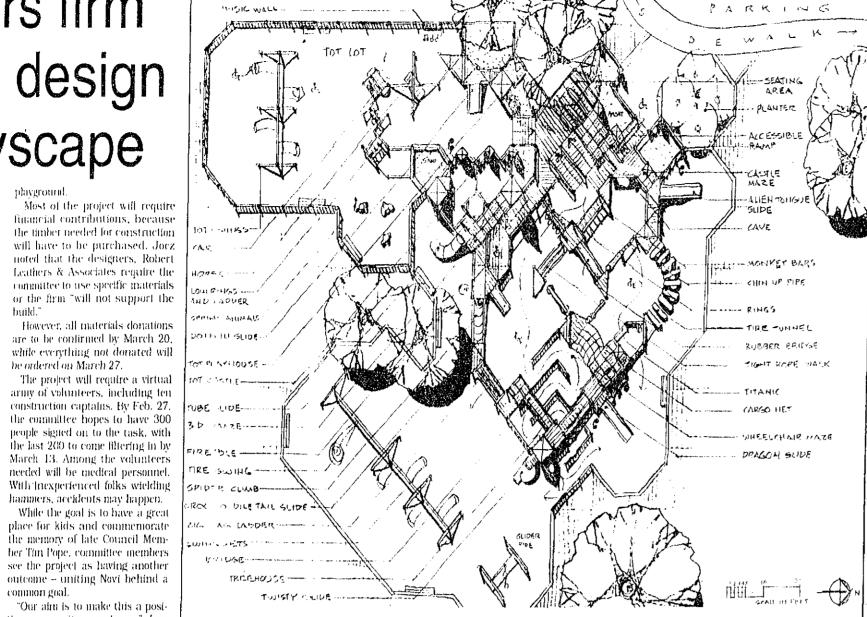
Then the big moment arrives. From June 11-15, everyone in Novi is invited to roll back their sleeves—tive community experience." Joez

-financial contributions, because the timber needed for construction will have to be purchased. Joez noted that the designers, Robert Leathers & Associates require the cession at the mall in conjunction — committee to use specific materials with a Northville group that is - or the firm "will not support the -

However, all materials donations The project will require a virtual

By March 6, the group aims to army of volunteers, including fen have up to half of the needed construction captalus. By Feb. 27. money, with up to 80 percent in - the committee hopes to have 300 people signed on to the task, with the last 200 to come filtering in by March 13. Among the volunteers needed will be medical personnel. are being sought, donors will also. With Inexperienced folks wielding hammers, accidents may happen. While the goal is to have a great place for kids and commemorate

> ber Tim Pope, committee members see the project as having another outcome - uniting Novi behind a "Our aim is to make this a post-



The final plan for Novi's Tim Pope Memorial Playscape, as drafted by Leathers & Associates.

Pastor to restore old church for reuse by congregation

a church. Donations of supplies, money and labor, would be appre clated. Whyte said.

"We're definitely looking for anyone who wants to help us save the old church. We're anxious to get working," he added,

inal Methodist Church looked in

with a built-in cheering section, a moratoriums on the development small group of Novi residents who have fought to save the building said LuAnn Kozma, one of the rated in that development's own organization founded in response fell through.

to the church's plight. "It will be a real success story - cue plan is exciting: "Originally, a for us. It will be a real model we were small group of people built can use for the future, hopefully."

to Mr. Keros for letting it go this when it gets done."

until the church could be relocated. A future home was found at "I think it's great. I always The Vistas of Novi, where the thought it was pretty do or die." church was to have been incorpofounders of Preservation Novi, an mini-downtown. But that scheme

Mutch said the new church resthe Novi Methodist Church them-Five years ago, Keros announced selves. Now, another small group,

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While the Oakland Baptist Back in 1992 and 1993, a small Church has only 50 members. group of residents - including late that's far more than the hopeful City Council Member Tim Pope, congregation of 28 which built the "We want it to look how the original Novi Methodist Church."

do the work. There's going to be a Dane Archer Johnson. Johnson in Jeopardy, the Sally Thornton "I think we can be really grateful—lot of sweat equity in that building—was commissioned by Preservation—House was rescued by private Preservation Novi will help the city's wing.

church in its fund raising effort,

Novi, considered by many to Preservation Novi President Jim having it look like an old-fashioned Mutch and Jim Antosiak - formed Designed to seat 160, the church have been born in 1977 with the Antosiak and his wife, Eda Wed-country church. When this Preservation Novi and convinced—was raised in 1876 at a cost of—creation of the mall, actually has a—dington, a Novi Planning Commis-The church's labors will come the Novi City Council to slap two \$1,750, according to a building fairly lengthy inventory of older sioner and member of the histori-

plans for a shopping center on the the Oakland Baptist Church will assessment report by architect buildings. Although many remain cal group going to be reused as a church Novi to research the building and developer Bill Garfield and the again. I think that's wonderful." Fuerst Farm has come under the Weddington said.

The church's new location will by excited. They were planning on be right next door to the home of putting up a new building and

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Elsie Beler of Novi died Jan. 21 n Farmington Hills. She was 93. Mrs. Beier was born May 27, 1903, in Coldwater.

Before retirement, Mrs. Beier was a special education teacher for the visual and hearing impaired in the Dearborn school system. She moved from Dearborn to the

area in 1989. Her memberships included the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church in Dearborn, the Mayflower Society, Daughters of the American Revolution and the

She is survived by son, Tor P. (JoAnn) of Northville; and grandchildren, Steven of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Mark of Ohio. Arrangements were made by the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth.

KENNETH DELANEY

Kenneth Delaney of Dearborn died Jan. 17 in Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. He was born Oct. 26. 1919, in Cookville, Tenn. Mr. Delancy was 77.

Mr. Delaney had been an employee of O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home for 20 years. He was stationed in Europe in the tank division during World

He is survived by his wife. Muryal; sons, Don (Fran) and Ron (Sharon); daughters, Margaret (Derrill Reeves and Kathy (Michaell Kristofik of Novi; sisters, Lorelle Farley, Pearl Rector, Carron Delaney and Willene Vickers: and eight grandchildren: Lara, Rachel, Amanda, Andrew, Ashley, Erin, Audra and Steven

She was preceded in death by son. Kenneth Jr. Services and interment were conducted Jan. 22 in Cookville.

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MARIAN LUCILLE BASSETT

Marian Bassett, age 87, of Novi died Jan. 23. She was born July 4. 1909, to Charles and Laura (Kent)

She is survived by two nieces. Sylvia Kent of Florida and Jean Nickerson of Kingsley, Mich.; first cousin, Myra Zabel of Texas; and several second cousins.

Ms. Bassett was preceded in death-by-parents; brother, Kenneth; and sister, Edna.

WALTER A. KULSON Walter Kulson of Farmington

Hospital in Southfield. He was 91. Mr. Kulson, formerly of Novi and Plymouth, was born April 19, 1905, in Woodmore, Manitoba,

From 1944-92, Mr. Kulson was owner and president of Wit-O-Matic Inc. in Novi. Prior to his own business, he was a prominent industrialist in building special grinding machines.

He was a past member of the Elks Club.

Mr. Kulson is survived by his wife of 57 years, Stephenie; son, Earl of Charlevoix: daughter, Carol (William) Jacobson of Virginia; sister, Elizabeth Kosachenko of Vita, Manitoba, Canada; grandchildren: Leslie Brooks, Lisa Douglas,





THE ACL AND YOU The anterior cruciate ligame

(ACL) is a primary support structure of the knee. According to the Nationa Collegiale Athletic Association women basketball players are abou our times as likely to experience lear in their ACLs then their male counter parts, Why? According to one popular theory, the answer may be found in the fact that the notch that holds the ligament in place at the end of the men and women. While a woman's i comewhat triangular-shaped, a man'

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Jacobson; and two great grand- Minden City, Mich. children: Grace and Emily Brooks. A memorial service was held

Home in Farmington with Fr. Leonard Partensky officialing. Memorial contributions to the Alzheimers Association, 17251 W. Twelve Mile Road, Snite 109, Southfield, MI 48076 would be

Viola M. Sager of Novi died dan. ington Hills. She was 97. Mrs. Memorial Park Cemetery, Livonia. great and great great nieces and Center. She was born Aug. 9. clated.

Mrs. Sager was a supervisor in the Lutheran Church, 201 Elm St., were held Jan. 20, at St. Aldan Jan. 15. at Thayer-Rock Funeral accounting department at Michi- Northville, 48167 would be appre- Church in Livonia. Interment was gan Bell Telephone Co. She is survived by daughter, Lois (John J.) Williams; sisters, Helen Birch and

Beatrice Abend; ten grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren, She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter "Pat."

Services were conducted on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Northville. ter-in-law, Agnes Mussat; nephew,

frene Mussat, age 82, of Funeral Home of Novi, Memorials

Northville died Jan. 17, 1997, at to the Angela Hospice, 14100 New-Angela Hospice in Livonia. She burgh Road. Livonia. MI 48154was born in Detroit on July 19, 5010 would be appreciated.

Surviving Mrs. Mussal are: sis-BERNICE E. ALSPACH 26 at Botsford Hospital in Farm- Interment was in Glen Eden James P. (Kathryn) Mussat; many Novi died Jan. 12 at Novi Care Village, MI 48076 would be appre-

Arrangements were made by nephews O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home in

Mrs. Alsoach was a secretary. Novi. Memorials to St. Paul her husband, Stephen. Services She is survived by daughter, Martha (Paul) Mazur: and one

grandchild, Douglas Harvey. Mrs. Alspach was preceded in in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. death by her husband, Donald. Arrangements were made by Services were conducted on Jan O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan 15, at the O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi Interment was in Maple Grove

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As We See It

Developer works to save old Methodist Church

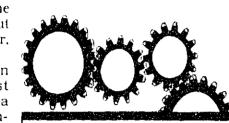
in late 20th century suburbia, the developer is often seen as a villain. But in Novi, a Detroit-based developer, George Keros, is a hometown hero.

Keros has delayed knocking down the long-vacant 1876 Methodist Church, which sits in the middle of a where he wants to put a shopping center at the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Novi Road. Other buildings on the site, the Frazer Staman Insurance Agency, Darling Mobile Homes and Shirley Cash Realty World. have been razed.

However, Keros has graciously agreed to donate the historic building to the Oakland Baptist Church.

In 1992, when Keros came forward with his plans, the old Methodist Church became a cause celebre with local residents interested in historic conservation. Preservation Novi was founded to help save buildings such as the church.

Since the hoopla several years ago, the future of the church - boarded up, with crumbling red paint obscuring its former dignity - became gloomier. One deal to move it fell flat. It appeared the building would go the way of most other old local landmarks, its timber



Development

Then, the Oakland Baptist Church

and its pastor Tim Whyte stepped forward. The tiny Beck Road congregation needed a church to replace the ad hoc house it is now meeting in.

The road ahead is far from smooth. The church will need to be moved to Beck Road. Extensive renovation is needed. Whyte said the Baptists will more than welcome any donations of money or labor to help rebuild this

Much is being asked of generous Novi residents these days, including the immediate plan to build the the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape in June. But after the playscape is built, the church might be another good place for helping hands to try their skills.

Too attached to pet project

becomes "my baby." When they learn and passed it 95-1. the baby will be retarded and deformed, they have become so to give the public information about attached to "my baby" that they don't "the affairs of government and the offi-

state Freedom of Information Act, is a tal decision-making," giving officials an case in point. Kaza, R-Rochester Hills, started out with a simple, excellent bill to resolve citizen disputes with public bodies declining to divulge public records. In that form, it passed the House of Representatives early in requests that the public body must

The Senate, however, did enormous harm, casting dark clouds over the "sunshine act." Kaza repaired some of the damage when the bill got back to requests. It has happened in the past. the House, but he should have asked Gov. John Engler to veto it. Instead, make a charge for finding a document unwilling to see his baby aborted, he equal to the wage of "the lowest paid, let Engler sign it. The governor falsely full-time, permanent clerical employ-

The Senate is the real villain here. of the wage of the lowest-paid employ-Instead of acting promptly on HB 4849 ee "capable of retrieving the informalast spring, it dawdled until the closing tion.' days of the "lame duck" session when everyone was in a rush. Instead of holding extensive and orderly committee hearings, the Senate amended the bill on the floor, where affected groups couldn't testify.

The Senate relied on Gov. Engler's administrators for ideas that would make their lives easier. The changes will allow local units to misinterpret the new FOIA, raise prices and hide

Novi's own Sen. Willis Bullard Jr., R-Milford, said he was acting at the behest of the administration and wasn't even certain how an amendment changing the entire purpose of the law got in there. Had his Local Government Committee held timely hearings, he couldn't have made such an unintended error.

of the session. House members already shine law that they crave.

Sometimes state legislators get too had been in session 14 hours. Eager to attached to a pet project, and it get out, they failed to flyspeck the bill

The 1976 FOIA said its purpose was cial acts" of officials and employees. Rep. Greg Kaza's House Bill 4849, a HB 4849 sharply limited the purpose monstrous set of amendments to the to "information regarding governmenalibi for hiding documents.

The 1976 FOIA allowed oral or written requests. The bad new law adds a burdensome requirement for written keep on file for a year. The file will give officials another excuse to say they are being hassled and that certain people should be prohibited from filing FOIA

The 1976 FOIA allowed an agency to trumpeted it as a public improvement. ee." The bad new law allows a charge

> As a former township supervisor, Bullard should have known that police departments, in particular, will misuse this provision to charge the pay rate of a lieutenant instead of a clerk. Suburban police departments, in particular, are notorious for overcharging the public for what should be public

> The 1976 FOIA required a public body to respond to a FOIA request "immediately, but not more than five business days" after receiving the request. The bad new law removes "immediately," giving local officials an alibi for putting off every request for a

"Sue us," say many local officials, particularly police, gambling that plain a ghastly mistake - assuming it was citizens will give up their searches rather than bother hiring a \$125-an-The House got the bill, for hour lawyer and going to court. The concurrence in amendments, after retarded, deformed new FOIA baby is midnight on Friday, Dec. 13, last day just the kind of cloud over the sun-

Letters to the editor

This newspaper welcomes letters to the editor. We ask, however, that they be issue-oriented, confined to 400 words and that they contain the signature, address, and telephone number of the writer. The writer's name may be withheld from publication if the writer lears bodily harm, severe persecution, or the loss of his or her lob. The writer requesting anonymity must explain his or her circumstances. Submit letters for consideration by 4 pm Monday for that Thursday's paper, We reserve the right to edit letters for brevity, clarity, libel, taste and relevance. The week prior to an election, this newspaper will not accept letters to the editor that open up new issues. Only responses to already published issues will be accepted, with this newspaper being the final arbiter. This policy is an attempt to be fair to all concerned.

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An interesting mix of stories



newspaper you would expect. In the future. to see only in the fall of an election year, not late Jan-

That is by coincidence not design, but it's interesting

For one, take note of the

Q&A interview with Mayor Kathleen McLallen. We do interviews with important local folks at the start of each new year, and when staff here at the newspaper discussed how to approach the job this year, it was pretty easy to conlude that McLallen had to be the interview subject in 1997. She's been right in the line of fire lately.

Likewise, the rest of the format fell into place easiy enough. The Q&A format would allow us to ask follow ups to any answers that were not clear or needed more of a response. It would also allow readers to view McLallen's own words without being fil- with Toth becoming more and more unhappy with tered or paraphrased by a reporter.

The interviewer had to be me, staff agreed, because I've fired some of the toughest shots at her.

On the Living page, you'll see profiles of two people Jim Korte and Ruth Hamilton - who are among The Novi News' more frequent writers of letters to the editor. It just so happens that they also rank as some of Mayor McLallen's most vocal critics.

The Novi News is sure to pro- of coincidence rather than design. The idea of profilvoke an interesting mix of ling those residents who write to the newspaper most reactions. As you read it over, often is one we've been kicking around here at the you may start to notice that it office for many months. Frankly, the story turned has the look and feel of a - out so well that it is something we will likely repeat

Add to this the letters to the editor column. City council member Robert Schmid wrote in this week to respond to this newspaper's rather sharp attacks on the council for going ahead with a feasibility study of the proposed development of a city country club ... er, municipal golf course. [Dang, I keep doing that!]

Opposite Schmid's letter on the op-ed page, former council member Joe Toth offers an entirely different take on the golf course feasibility study.

Some have noticed that Toth - whose voice has been missing from these pages for a while - has been writing letters to the editor more frequently these days. And the speculation is that he may be interested in running for office this fall.

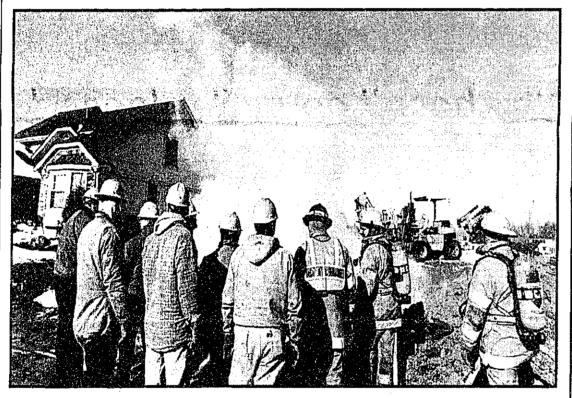
Toth told me Tuesday that he hasn't decided to run yet, but he's "leaving that door open for now." With five seats up on council in the fall election and what he sees going on in city hall, he doesn't want to close out that possibility.

As I said, this edition is a matter of coincidence What resulted was a long two-hour session with rather than design. But I couldn't have designed an the mayor conducted in the back room of council—issue of the paper that would better describe the chambers in city hall last Thursday morning. Tape - current state of affairs in Novi ... things are good recorded and transcribed, the interview ran so long—here, no doubt, and the city is growing by leaps and we had to break it into two parts. Watch for part two bounds, but there is growing dissatisfaction with the actions of the mayor and the city council.

> Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News and The Northville Record. He can be contacted by phone at (810) 349-1700 or by e-mail at novinews@htonline.com.

In Focus

By John Heider



Novi firefighters and construction workers crowd around a steam-filled pit on Brookstone Lane last week moments after a ruptured and natural gas line had been extinguished

Looking for strays not easy



Barbara Louie

days, however, the term "run- his work: away" usually referred to an sheep - who had strayed.

to brand their stock with in ownership.

For example, Novi resident William Yerkes preferred a "swallow fork" in the left ear of his cattle, own as well. not to be confused with the same in the right - that cow would belong to L.W. Andrus. Benjamin Hungerford displayed a hole in the left ear of his cat-find them. I first went to Brownstown, then to Flat tle, while Sally Thornton used a squared crop off the Rock on the Huron River where I found a tribe of left ear and a slit in the end of the right to identify Indians. Their chief was there at that time; he was a hers. Samuel Hungerford's mark was a half-crop graduate of Hamilton College. I stayed with him under the left ear, and Phillip Shaw used a half-crop overnight ... on the underside of both ears.

ed numerous reports of lost and found animals. without any ear marks, one a light brindle, the other public house of course as all houses were at that

Samuel and Dexter White, who lived on the farm cattle ..." along Nine Mile Road west of Tast, reported finding Looking for strays was clearly not an easy task -"three old sheep and two lambs" on their property in the summer of 1845. Since the animals were marked, the owner of said sheep was "requested to prove property, pay charges and take the same Northville area and is author of the book No. VI on

When we think of "run- The constable of the community was usually the aways" today, we generally one in charge of collecting the runaways. One of Plypicture a troubled youth hid-mouth's first settlers, Abraham Markham, held such ing from parents. In the old a position at one time. In his memoirs, he described

animal - such as a cow or and I found every one I went after - never lost one. Early settlers were careful them to justice.

may have appeared similar in I found the old cowbell, seize her by the whiskabout, appearance, but their sub- if it was dark, bid her start, and she would make a

runaways for them, Markham was able to locate his "I bought a cow and a calf and a pair of steers, but

they soon ran away and it took me about a week to

"I went on and found the house I was in pursuit

Barbara Louie is a local historian of the Novi and

State should be out of booze biz



Power

import into the state."

"So what can I do?" I sighed,

to order it."

California wine warehouses booze and trucks the stuff to and distribution does nothing whatsoever country last fall, more than 13,000 retail bars, restaurants to attack the monopoly control exercised Kathy and I visited and party stores in Michigan. the Carneros Alem- His idea was to lay off nearly 400 state liquor. bic distillery, a employees who work in the warehouses The governor is usually much smarter place that makes and drive the trucks, and let competitive than this. I suspect the real reason behind

French-style contracts to private firms. Not surprising his approach is that he doesn't want to brandy in enor- ly, unlons representing the state workers kick away \$80 million annually in profits mous (18 feet high) We tried the product in the tasting

room and found it excellent, certainly the equal of cognacs Upon returning to Michigan, I looked for Carneros Alembic brandy at my local liquor store. Not there, "Can you order state,

some?" I asked the proprietor. The LCC not only manages the whole-"None," he said, "The state Liquor Control Commission decides what liquor to "Suppose I call them and ask to have some imported?" I asked, hopefully. "Not a chance. You might like the stuff, but there isn't enough demand for that special brandy to bother the bureaucrats

"The next time you go to Chicago, you might find some. Remember, Illinois has an unregulated market for liquor, the prices there are lower, and the selection

much greater than in Michigan." That conversation has been rattling around in my head ever since Gov. John Engler tried to privatize the state-run

On a trip to the wholesale liquor distribution system that warpath. But attacking only warehousing

sued to block the move, and the matter is from the state liquor monopoly. now entangled in the slow coils of the II we have learned anything as we

Michigan has a Byzantine system to monopolies - whether controlled by busimanage the sale and distribution of liquor ness or government - are inherently bad, that goes back to 1933, after Prohibition They drive up prices and drive down serwas repealed and the five-member state vice; they shackle the workings of the mar-Liquor Control Commission (LCC) was cre- ket to provide customers with the prodated to control the sale of all liquor in the ucts, prices and services they are willing

and distribution - but also controls what brands of liquor are imported into Michigan and the retail prices. It is the LCC that sets the 65 percent markup on the wholesale price the state pays distillers, thereby regulating liquor pricing and earning the state a tidy \$80 million profit each year from its monopoly control over the liquor licensed to sell liquor, enforce laws limiting

What is mystifying about Engler's move let the workings of the market determine to privatize the system is that he has suc- what kind of booze customers want to buy ceeded in obtaining the worst of both and at what prices.

bution costs nearly 400 people their jobs, that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone makes the unions mad and puts voice mail number is (313) 953-2047, Ext Democrats in the Legislature on the 1880.

by the state over selection and price of

approach the end of the century, it is that to pay for. And the monopoly profits whether going to a corporation or state sale side of the business - warehousing government - are, at the end of the day, simply gouged from the pockets of ordi-

If Engler wants to do something serious about privatization, he should try to get the state entirely out of running the liquor business in Michigan.

Let the LCC regulate places that are sale to minors and collect liquor taxes. But

Contracting out warehousing and distri- Phil Power is chairman of the company

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citizens. It's time to get the facts out in light of the innuendoes of intent and the misrepresentation purchased - just under 600 acres. of facts and malicious personal golf course - approximately 150 acres. Land remaining available

· The ballot question passed by the citizens of Novi - June 13, 1993, stated and I quote from the ballot, "Recreational land acquisition and improvements. Bonding

A municipal golf course would

The following are facts:

acres. Of the 500 acres, approximately 120 acres was the so-called

Total land purchased near

Twelve and Twelve-and-a-Half Mile

 Land required for municipal Competition to private golf

for passive recreation in the municipal courses. Why? Lower Twelve Mile, Novi Road area - green fees encourages young and around 350 acres. · Environmental impact on sur-

developed - enhance the wildlife. Tax burden on Novi citizens

course owners. Most encourage

old to start playing golf which translates to more golfers for the privately owned courses Advantage to Novi citizens – 20

to 40 percent reduction in green fees over private courses. Makes golf more affordable for

 Precedence for municipal golf courses - most of Michigan progressive communities have munic

• Potential golfers in Novi - no data available. Possible estimate of

Bottom line, I am convinced Novi's educated, progressive citizens recognize that a quality lifestyle includes recreational activity for all including ice arenas, swimming pools, municipal golf course and any other passive and active opportunities the city can

Why hasn't council released data?

In your Jan. 17 lead story titled plus seeding and installation of a insurance, employee benefits, etc. use a calculator - or ask your kids "City hires consultant for course." the article states Both Schmid \$540,000; 2) golf cars; about 50 at Parks and Recreation Commission \$3,200,000 invested at 5 percent and Council Member Ed Kramer \$10,000 each (\$500,000) and Chairman Robert Shaw saying simple interest generates said the study would offer more extra batteries, chargers, etc. that city research indicates that a \$160,000 per year and at 6 per-

served on planning board, plan- (\$110,000). ning commission and city councill. General estimates are: 1) devel-

huge sprinkler/watering system) The article also mentions the or spouse to help youl. Note that factual data than the 'emotional' (\$100,000); 3) construction of a municipal golf course would generates \$192,000 per year parking lot (\$500,000); 4) con- ate a profit of \$150,000 (per year?) with no loan, interest or bond pay-Well, let me offer council mem-struction of a municipal country but payments on loans, plus interment deductions. And no additionber Schmid and appointee Kramer cabaret/saloon (\$1,000,000 mini- est would have to be subtracted. al staff costs. some financial data. (I will waive mum); 5) lighting for the parking. The interest on a \$3,000,000 bond. Question? Why hasn't the city my consultant fee charges for this lot, driveways, putting greens, etc. issue at 5 percent interest would staff and/or city council assemone because this golf course issue (\$250,000); 6) furnishings such as wipe out this \$150,000 profit and bled and released all of their factuhas reared its ugly head numerous bar stools, spittoons, poker tables, then the loan payments would all data, research reports, and times in the past two decades at glassware, etc. (\$200,000); and 7) have to be taken out of the general development costs on the many both the City Council table and in miscellaneous items like ball fund. (Who and how many would other golf course projects fi.e. the

How interesting to read that - not up to any standards. Nor it it Northville.

facilitating the new 1996 road in court and find that we - again - were my friends.

will be missed

bond issue, is in the process of arc left holding the bag at JCK's

I voiced my concern with this mayor in their cities in the last year.

summer, when seeking information about the Walled Lake Sector Folino, Mason

... from anyone. Apparently, the were loval to their towns.

fact that JCK performs surveys I had first met Paul in the early

court of law does not bother any- League of Women Voters. My wife,

tion level. Well, it certainly bothers Novi council people, Kathy Mutch,

to remind this city that just and Kathy were involved in the

because it's "government" money. League of Women Voters then.

admission - will not stand-up in a date's night sponsored by the mouth.

sector study surveys. I would like their towns. Both my wife Susan They include:

I'm not quite sure that it's our School and watch the fireworks on Corps League.

acquiring rights-of-way and sur- expense.

veying said properties. Let me

remind this city that this past

Study Implementation Committee

South Lake Drive and safety path

survey, I was told by Joe Kapel-

czak, President, JCK & Associates,

in front of a South Lake resident

does not mean it's not our money.

Total estimated cost for this Now I would like each council golf course at the city hall/high

JCK & Associates - our consulting our place to enhance the income of I, along with many others, will Chuck Paulen, Jay Sagrue, Martin

engineers - in the direction of our attorneys, should we end up miss both Carol and Paul who Truck and Equipment, National

that "... that survey will not stand- Folino, and an adoptive daughter Ed Sytsma, would like to take this us. Your effort did not go unno-

up in a court of law ... why do you of Novi, Carol Mason, have recent opportunity to thank all those that ticed and please say thanks to all

statement at the audience partici- election. Both passed away from We gathered approximately es we would like to acknowledge pation at an immediately following cancer. Both will be remembered 9,000 toys and distributed over are: Toys R Us in West Oaks mall.

council meeting (during the sum- in their local towns and be missed. 2,000 in our active communities, the Ultimate Toy Store, Mail Boxes

mer]. I have not - to this date - You certainly knew where both which include: Novi, Northville, Etc., Salon Head West, Optical

received the courtesy of a response stood in their local politics. Both Walled Lake, South Lyon, New Imaging Systems, the Novi Rolary

that - by their own president's 1970s. We met him at a candi- Farmington Hills, Livonia and Ply- Methodist Church of Farmington

HCD Funds paid for the original dates running for elective office in that participated in the "100 Club. ladies for their help; if it had not

And this city is still responsible for ance with Paul and State Farm. Ladies Auxiliary, Metro Transport tributed 210,000 toys to children

its expenditure. I might presume Over the years, Paul and I became Inc., Clare Investment, Detroit in southeast Michigan this year. In

most of the voting populace in this good friends. When Northville had Concrete, American Legion Post closing, we would once again like

city pays Federal laxes, so it's your its fireworks, our families would 147 and its Ladies Auxiliary and to say from the bottoms of our

one at the council or administra- Susan, and one of our current the central warehouse for distribu- room to list.

interviewed Paul, also other candi-

responsibility as a city to enhance
July 4. I would help Paul collect
Williams Trucking Service, Brian

the pocketbooks of our consul- money in plastic bottles to defray Ball, Dave and Marie Collins, Dr.

tants with work that is obviously - the costs of the fireworks. He was and Mrs. Kevin Crain, VVA Chan-

the back room meetings when I washers, benches, signage, etc. city council lay off to cover that Providence Golf Course, Links of expense?)

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tions, we just can't afford them -

no, I don't think so. It is just not

the overriding public commitment

I do agree that it is a component

of an overall recreational program.

McLallen looks to the year ahead Novi mayor is optimistic about the city's prospects for 1997

And yet at the same time, multitudes of other things are happening elsewhere. So what is the goal? The goal is to achieve the best small city possible. To maintain an · extraordinary quality of life and to + provide those services that you said you would. That's the prize. The process is that you've got development factions, you have , effizen factions, you have environmental issues, you have national and state government Issues, you have funding issues all roaring for your attention. And you can get stdetracked and waste some of those preclous resources, meaning the good will of the people. The challenge is how to take all of this energy that is kind of all over the

Novi News: Given that, and your State of the City outlined a lot of the development that has gone on in the past year, how's the city doing overall?

map and keep it focused in the

best possible way to achieve a ter-

McLallen: Terrific, And that's what the exercise of giving the State of the City speech does, it makes you realize that this week's fire - the appointment, that was very critical; the issue of the golf course is very critical; snow removal on Novi Road is very critical - those are today's concerns. But when you put them in perspective of talented staff and people working on them and moving them forward, the big picture is that yes, you are achieving the

your State of the City address tough because some of them were very interesting. Senior housing - you are looking for land now, is that a

work of Novi 20/20?

zens know what's bere.

have some stake in it.

for a while. It has been the land issue that has been the challenge. Two years ago we authorized the building authority. It's the building

quate piece of land.

Novi News: But I don't recall people together to talk about it. that you've bonded for this. learned not to get in trouble with a lot of people that don't know another issue. the attorney. In principle we have Novi. They don't have a clue. Why agreed upon a site which means it wo we wear these little pins with record as saying no, we are not has been narrowed down, but the cars on them? Why this; why that? documents and ability to go public. They don't know about the city. So with that site are not at a point it's a two-way thing, to let our citiwhere I can do that.

Because the goal of senior housing was to create a facility that is lenge. We have got to improve cost effective for people whose avenues to get information to our incomes become limited but have citizens. There is so much to know always lived in Novi, land costs are and you tell people and they go. so high that that was the challenge "Wow, that's cool," We sit in these for us, to find a piece of property meetings and it becomes a part of that would not jack the cost of the us. You know, it is so important entire project to extraordinary lev- and we spend hours and hours, els and ruin the whole principle of but we didn't tell anybody. Or we

And we looked at this site. One that doesn't give the flavor of how of the original sites was this piece exciting it is. So that's a constant right here between the city hall light and a constant challenge. and the library, and for a variety of reasons that didn't work. You people at a very specific window of know, you went through the inven- time and hear both the good and tory. Where can we find, hopefully, the bad, and what they'd like. land we already own or some modestly priced piece of land that citizens about what's here, to crewould work. And so we think we ate a sense of community between have achieved that. Coming soon the new group of citizens and the to a front page near you. Novi News: Any idea when we

can expect to hear word? McLallen: Probably 60 days.

It has been a long time, Ask anyone on the senior housing committee. They have been really con- going anywhere. cerned that this has been such a long process. And it was kind of tion that I would anticipate hearlike the aquatic process. Why did ing from residents - and most resi-It take so long? Because it was dents get active when they get a kind of derailed into these other particular issue in front of them areas. Our goal was how to deliver is I don't care what's 20 years the service is the least expensive down the road. I'm concerned manner for the taxpayer. So as a about this now. council and leadership we keep McLallen: Probably that's part trying to look at any other option of the process. I have not been but try saying let's build a palace through the process anywhere and let's get you to pay for it. If the else. I stopped by the lectures, I private market can come in and have sat through the presentations help us out, or if the non-profits when Farmington Hills did theirs, can come in and help us out, we and Troy. And their excitement have to go through those, but it about the results is very enticing. takes time and when you've set up But from what I gather, for a an expectation in your citizens, be portion of it there's venting and they the senior housing committee, the recreation committees, you pens after the initial big committee know, once you say we are going - because it's a long process - they to do this, they are looking forward break into smaller committees for

Novi Mayor Kathleen McLallen talks to Novi News Editor Mike Malott recently about the future of the community. Novi News: I'm looking for a little to opening and selling tickets, and those citizens that are concerned going to go out and chuck the got a declining crime rate. So we've the further information on some of the process ... senior housing has about arts, parks, roads, whatever Master Plan, that has worked so got the big things taken care of. I'll the things that you mentioned in taken nine years. I mean, that's the concern is. well, and put something new in. I know there is a concern in this—It's just to get the refinements. Novi News: What do you hope to city about doing this because there. How do we want to spend our leisure time to be productive. I

accomplish through the futuring was this kind of little undercurrent money that said, "Uh-hmm, they are You know, the biggest thing that Michigan that have had the pro- makes people a little uneasy.

was the process itself of brings year. As the pieces of land individ-zens that they are willing to do ually come up, and whatever their—that. So they are happy there. The biggest thing is that since merits are, landowners have

McLallen: Basically, the biggest going to change the Master Plan. I hear from the citizens is recrething that will come out of that is - because of this. Something's afoot atton. We got the roads done. We and the biggest thing is that no here." There was that kind of little gave you a ton of money for the body knows - we've talked to Troy. nudge. Hey, it's new, and every roads. Those roads that are yours building bonding will be back this we've talked to lots of cities across time we do something new, it are doing fine. Oakland County we year, at least you predicted it may want to talk about. But Novi's would be . authority that will handle it when cess done. Uniformly, they are I think I will go on record that doing a good job. And we believe it happy with the process. The our Master Plan is what it's going so strongly that we are willing to building authority is for. But we biggest thing that they tell us - to be. There will be refinements in give you \$17 million more dollars. have been unable to get an ade- Troy and Farmington Hills did it - it, but there are refinements every That's a testament to these citi-

Where they are not happy is, "I 1990 we've had a 24 percent rights. They can ask all sorts of like the community. I love my I'm not putting you off ... I've increase in our population. That's things. Whether we do it or not is house and I now want to do stuff. Where's my park?" Recreation I But that fear is ... no, I'd go on believe is the number one concern. ment, pretty much said at this mean the true location of the facili-Police, that's fabulous. You've point that it wants to review other

issue, like all of the recreation things. Whether they use it or not people like to be able to say, "My community has one." It is a source of community pride. Then there is The next point is, "I want my a whole subgroup within the community that the pool is completely want those spaces that will help

those taken care of," And we are nity function and in the summer,

McLallen: I didn't predict it would be, the city manager did. Ed that are on our plate from the administrative side, which is excelchance to see what he thought. The council, while recognizing question is, in the physical pic-

that's where they get to meet other young moms. For the 10- to 14year-old crowd, that's the one place in the community that mom-

ture, where do you put it. And . are wrong with the police departty. For anything that we try to put to see how you can meet as many But we would be remiss if we

of the park, it was a 'B' priority.

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other spot. What are the pros and cons. Let's put it on the table and really poke at it. What do golf

for our overall recreation program? What do they do environmentally on this site or any other site? I don't have an answer to any of

standing that we have to get the information out of this building. And we have to get it out correct. I mean we've learned with the Sports Club. From a public relations issue, a complete backfire.

The building has some physical challenges that need to be met and we are either going to have to find it inside, go for grants, but the initial reaction was every time we sneeze we can't go to the people, we know that. We cannot go and say give me another dollar. We have to judiciously decide what to ask for. And to constantly ask may not at this point be a successful way to achieve it. You don't want there hasn't been anything to to have two defeats of bonds for replace it. the police department. Then what

That was part of what they told the Parks and Rec Commission come up with two or three sites. Check the cost factor. If you own the cost is going to be way down. If you are going to have to buy, it will be at the cost of something else. If you can piggy-back on somebody

else's project, that's another deal. There has been some discussion that, don't worry about whether it's cost effective. If it has to be subsidized, let's talk about that when we get there. From a financial standpoint, I have some concerns about that. I would like to see it at least cover its cost. We just don't have spare money to throw down the drains. And if we do have spare money, we better be

in the roads. So it has gone to find answers to all these questions and to put facts on the table. If we are going to do a pool, we could do it A. B or C. Okay, citizens, do you like A, B or C? Then it would go on the ballot. It would be done in August and the citizens will say, "I'm willing to pay X number of dollars for that

In order to get it there, that whole process has to be gone through. Right now, we are all spending a lot of energy fighting Or fighting shadows, or imagi-

facility, or I'm not."

The golf course is one. I'll pick it up because I know it's coming. Nov! News: That was the next

McLallen: it's the same thing. We spent a lot of time with parks and rec in that meeting trying to lay out that the golf course as a component of a huge long term recreation picture. The number one sentence is, "there is no

Parks and rec did an excellent layout of what they need. They prioritize all their needs. They put dollar signs and lack of dollar signs next to them. Their number one commitment is to get Power Park, Rotary Park and the Sports Park completely furnished and completely open this season. The missing dollars are over half a mil-

With the mid-decade census money, the support seems to be there. No vote has been taken, but the presentation has been made and it is pretty impressive. You know, you are going to spend all this money on the parks and ask all these kids to come here and there's no bathrooms. So more than likely half of the money out of the \$500,000 will go to put bathrooms there. It is logical. That's the priority.

The issue of the 500 acres between West Road and Dixon Road, the North Novi Park, that's an enormous resource for the city. Development will take years ... and dollars. Right now, what the city needs is to learn about it. You need to assess the kinds of demands that are going to be made on it, and the kinds of resources that you have to deal with it. We need to insure it. If something happens, we need to make sure we can get people into it. There's a whole non-glamorous - the un-fun - part that's going on,

that costs money. But that is an enormous amount of property that the city has, so you need to assess long term what can be done there. Golf is recreational. Mountain biking is recreational. Cross country skiing. Hockey fields, ballfields ... when you have 40,000 people across the city, you've got 40,000 different

Mayor McLallen looks at the year ahead in the City of Novi

ptions. And it's going to be diffi

cult because it was a pretty hefly

price tag for the building. But are

there other ways to address that?

The people didn't - and you

know, for whatever reason, and

there's been a lot of review as to

what that vote really meant ... I

don't have a clue as to what that

vote really meant. Was it the fact

that they are so successful? And

perhaps we didn't sell it properly.

And perhaps they didn't under-

stand that it had nothing to do

with the equipment and the people

on the street. This building that

looks real nice is about to fall

down. What did it really mean? I

In Mr. Kriewall's whole list, that

was the one issue council took

exception to, that at this point the

council wasn't focusing on taking

Novi News: You mentioned

recreation, so let's hit a couple of

projects. The pool appears to be (a

irrelevant to. They've got them in

Then there's a whole lot of peo-

ple, particularly young moms with

little kids, for whom it's a commu-

will let him go. So there is a lot of

The question is, in a financial

picture, where do you put it. And

in this community, the even bigger

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McLallen: Yup. The pool is an

that issue back to a bond.

don't know.

are you saving?

go project.)

their backvard.

anywhere, for every person that says that's a great location, there are an equal and opposing number didn't look at it in that spot or any Novi News: I have heard there is some opposition to the location of

McLailen: I can hand you all of the letters. I mean, I have them from the adjoining subdivision. One of our primary focuses as a leadership group should be communicating valid information and valid time lines. Every year we do this we get a little more under-

I am well aware that there is an orchestrated opposition to the location of the pool at the civic site. My concern in all of these issues is that some of it is premature because there are no designs. There was a preliminary design that people remember of "Disneyland on Taft Road." That is what I was called, whether it truly was or not. That isn't there anymore, but

The most logical, in my opinion, place for a swimming pool is in that component of the community which has been set aside for a community use, which is this campus. And you have adequate space here. We own the land, a very critical factor. But it is land that at the moment is now vacant. And every time you open up vacant land and put something on it, it causes discomfort for someone. Whether it is good, bad or indifferent, it is just

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interests. And as a body, you have let's start planning it, but it's not more than 1,000 people have come McLallen: Right and there are a cern because there isn't anything out in opposition to the golf lot of issues. Unfortunately, that There is a planning process on for

vote to go ahead with a feasibility be fighting ghosts. How would you been a treasure in that you are does that planning process dove study. Will it be site specific? McLallen: The council added a desire to have a golf course or not but if you go up Dixon Road, you piece that was new. It was, yup, do have a golf course? When do you are in this wonderful wilderness. some preliminary here. What are think that should come? courses do or not do for the com- the pros and cons on this site? But McLallen: I think that conversa- ballot and being a big priority we want to call any special elec-

wrinkle. Go look at them. But now we are back to the cost happen some time in the spring. issue. If you have to acquire a new that. But I have to ask the ques- one, what's it going to do to the golf course." Would you describe cost? Or are there other sites that "the rolf course." this might be a positive way to

'A' priority. In the master planning reclaim? Novi News: Citizens have North Novi Park. I realize it was a

Novi News: But the council did course. But you suggest they may whole area that has for so long has a treasured resource. But when suggest the community express its two minutes from Twelve Oaks, tail with the big picture - I don't

community? That was the new it will happen once this report comes back to council, which will But you just talked about "the

> Novi News: I can't. I've seen a plan for links at the east end of the bond.

Do I foresee this going to the

munity? What do they do or not do are there any other sites within the tion will happen very broadly. And issue for November - no. have to go to the ballot to approve a golf course? McLallen: My gut feeling, in this

> community, is yes. Novi News: That's new because but in this next year, it's not the there has been talk of a revenue

lot of things. And that's my con- Feb. 6 edition of The Novi News.

Part two of this interview with McLallen: There's been talk of a Mayor McLallen will appear in the

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N'ville schools hear survey results

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer

In December the Northville Public School District asked members of the community to Judge the district's overall performance.

This month the district got its answer, and although some flaws have been exposed, school officials generally are happy with the marks survey respondents gave the district and its employees.

"I'm pleased at the community's candor and interest in our students and their education," school board President Martha Nield said. "There was plenty of useful information generated, which will help our efforts at continuous Improvement of service to our students.

"We will be able to measure our successes when the survey is con-

ducted again in two years. About 80 percent of survey respondents gave the district favorable ratings in providing education to students. That result was just one of many findings pubphone survey conducted by the Northville School District.

would provide a benchmark for surveys the district might conduct

"There are plenty of s

The 50-page document was released to school officials and the general public earlier this month.

The survey was conducted by School Public Relations Consultant Services, based in Menominee. Mich. According to consultant Kathy Feaster the poll sought voters' opinions and attitudes about Northville schools, as well as building and facility needs.

in all, 378 of the district's 27,158 registered voters - or about 1.4 percent - were polled.

The survey questions focused on job performance and district needs, and sought answers for the failure of the district's bond and enhancement millage election last September. District officials have spent the past two weeks studying the survey results.

At a recent board study session, Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said the survey would be a useful tool for improving the quality of lished in the recent public opinion education in the classroom, and district in touch with the changing

surveys the district might conduct in the future.

"All along we've said that we want to know what the community's attitude is towards the school district and how they rate the quality of education being provided to students," he said. "This first survey provides us with informa-tion that will allow us, as educators, to do our jobs better. The bottom line is that we need to constantly improve the way we educate the kids. That is our foremost

concern. "I'm happy with the results. Am I satisfied? No, I'm never satisfied, because I always think we can do better," Rezmierski added. "1 believe our community views us the same way. They want us to improve, and I think that's reflected in the survey results.

District officials have considered conducting a public opinion survey every two years which, according to Feaster, would help keep the

"There are plenty of school districts in the state that conduct surveys every couple of years," she said. They can be quite useful in gauging public sentiment."

Nield said she'd like to see how Northville's survey results compare to surveys conducted for other school districts. She said Feaster will provide board members and district officials with some summary comparisons by next week.

"I'd be interested to see how other communities view their school districts, whether they rate their teachers and administrators high or low," she said.

Chamber looks for new manager

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"I'm just looking at a lot of other options. I'm not going to

discuss it at this point." Mallett said she has "quite possibly" consulted an attorney. She celebrated her tenth year on the job in October.

Her position has already been advertised in statewide trade publications.

As the chamber's president,

Mallett was one of the founders of the Michigan 50s Festival.

The change comes as the chamber gets ready for one its biggest fundraisers of the year, the "Night to Remember" Mardi Gras Dinner Dance/Charity Auction" on March 22.

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