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Providence unveils plans for west side

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Providence Hospital's ambitious building plans for Grand River Avenue will have a major impact on western Novi, with a landmark cancer center on the south side and a shopping center, hotel and restaurants across the street.

Providence is now looking for a developer to work with the health care provider in building the 43-acre north side project, which will include a grocery store to serve area residents, said Providence spokesperson Amy Middleton.

At the 141-acre Providence Park to the south, the new 32,000-square-foot Michael and Rose Assarian Cancer Center will offer both outpatient medical treatment such as radiation and chemotherapy, as well as innovative support groups for both patients and their families.

Groundbreaking for the cancer center is expected to happen in fall 1997.

The Assarians made a major donation to Providence for the center early last year, prior to Michael Assarian's death from the disease.

"The concept is pretty unique for a cancer program. The facility will not only care for the physical but for the spiritual needs of the patients. We're going to take the

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approach of treating the whole person," Middleton said.

Providence will also expand its medical office buildings at the site, to include shops selling medical products such as pharmaceuticals and prosthetics.

The cancer center is part of Providence's ongoing Phase One development plan for the medical park. Following that will be a 200-bed hospital, if approval is forthcoming from the Ingham County Circuit Court. The case remains in litigation.

Further development phases for Providence Park include senior housing.

To the north, the 100,000-square-foot Grand River/Beck Road shopping center, 120-room hotel and two-restaurant complex would serve both residents and those traveling I-96. Providence, as well as the City of Novi, is part

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A happy Valentine's Day

A daddy and a daughter, and many others, boogie down on the dance floor during Friday night's Daddy/Daughter Dance at the Novi Civic Center. Some 100 dads and 140 daughters

attended the annual Valentine's Day celebration, keeping it one of the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's most popular programs.

Cassis takes leader role

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

She may be the new kid on the block in Lansing, but State Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, is making her presence known.

Cassis was just appointed one of eight Republican assistant minority whips, all but one of them newcomers to Lansing. She's also one of only two newly-elected legislators to be appointed minority vice chair of a committee, in her case, the House Urban Policy and Economic Development Committee.

"There's a concentrated effort under term limitation to get

freshmen up and running and prepared for leadership. It helps us learn the districts and legislation and to be able to talk to anybody in our caucus," Cassis said.

"Before we had term limitations, it was very unusual for a freshman to get in a position of leadership this early and usually you would spend a couple of years learning the ropes."

Because of term limitations, the state house will lose two-thirds of its veteran legislators in 1998.

"We must maintain institutional memory," said house Republican leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville.

"Rep. Cassis's commitment to public service and leadership ability typify the characteristics tomorrow's legislators need to succeed."

As assistant minority whip, Cassis's task will be to poll other Republican members of the house concerning their positions on legislation and other issues.

"You do have to know everybody," she said. "It's hands-on leadership training."

Formerly a Novi City Council member, Cassis said her new job often requires 15-hour days, with her tasks including getting a

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Nancy Cassis

Novi cops trace prints, scent back to scene

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi police nabbed two men allegedly involved in a break-in at Home Sweet Home last week. They are also suspected of smashing car windows and damaging construction equipment along Nine Mile Road that same night.

A 19-year-old Novi man and a 18-year-old Plymouth man were caught early Friday morning after the Novi tracking dog followed smell and footprints in the snow to the Novi man's home on Chattman.

"They got drunk and went out and one thing led to another," said Novi Police Detective Victor Lauria.

The men reportedly told police they spent the night of Jan. 12 smashing in car windows and construction trailer windows as well as damaging construction equipment at various sites along Nine Mile Road.

They allegedly damaged several cars in the parking lots of K.J. Law, D.L.C. Design, Fife Electric and along Venture Drive.

The men then decided to

explore the vacant Home Sweet Home restaurant. They told police they had heard it was haunted and wanted to check it out.

However, when they broke into the building and began to walk around, the alarm system was activated and they ran out. But they didn't stop there and continued to smash windows along the way home, according to police.

Police said when they tracked the scent to the suspect's home, the men were there and appeared intoxicated. They denied the allegations and were arrested for consuming alcohol illegally because they were underage.

Police took the men to the sites where the incidents took place to match shoes to the footprints in the snow. According to the report, the footprints matched the shoes the men were wearing at the time.

Police interviewed the men at the station and finally, one of them relented, reportedly saying "I confess. I won't waste any more of your time. We did it."

The men were expected to be charged with malicious destruction of property and one count of unlawful entry this week.

Students build city of future

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

If it were up to four Novi Middle School students, future generations would live in a city surrounded by water and reside in homes made of bottle tops.

Seventh graders Ranjan Radhamohan, Derek Granzow, Sven-Erik Nyberg and Vinay Arora designed a "Future City" using recycled materials to compete in the 1997 Future Cities Competition last month.

The team returned home from the day clutching awards for Most Creative Use of Materials and Best Residential Zone.

"This team was really top notch," said middle school teacher Maggie Gonzalez-Sheeran, the team's coach.

The Detroit Future City Competition operates with one idea in mind: to create a city using the most recyclable materials available and innovative ideas.

For instance, the students used a Diaper Genie to represent a power source and Dannon yogurt lids for seaports. The students creatively thought to have a fire safety plan that included a way to computer scan buildings for living beings and then seal off the buildings to cut off oxygen and stop the fire. Also, hovercrafts provided a form of transportation to citizens of the city and in the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

With their futuristic model city are Novi Middle School students Ranjan Radhamohan, Derek Granzow, Sven-Erik Nyberg, Vinay Arora, and teacher Maggie Gonzalez-Sheeran.

city stadium the "Gooey Seats" conformed to fit spectators' bodies.

The competition, sponsored by The Society of Manufacturing Engineers and ESD - The Engineering Society, was held at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn Jan. 23 and featured 38 school teams and more than 100 seventh and eighth graders.

All the students first designed their cities using SimCity 2000 computer software with the Urban Renewal Kit add-ons.

They competed to apply math

and science while using imagination to develop solutions to problems facing cities. Students must design a city using the software, then build a model of the city and present it to judges.

Teams also completed a 500-word essay about how engineers responded to a natural disaster, namely the Hurricane Andrew disaster in Florida in 1992.

"Their presentation was really excellent," said Gonzalez-Sheeran. "They didn't miss a beat with that."

Nissan engineer Rob Blanchard

provided assistance to the students during the creative process and with the presentation that day.

The students competed within Novi Middle School to be chosen to represent the school. Nyberg was the winner and chose the other boys as teammates after they placed second. Detroit is one of nine regional competition sites around the country. Detroit's grand prize winner travels to Washington D.C. to compete nationally during National Engineers Week this week.

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, February 20

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

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

Monday, February 24

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

City Council
The Novi City Council is scheduled to meet in regular session at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

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 meeting.

Tuesday, February 25

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

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.

Youth Assistance
Novi Youth Assistance board will meet at 7 p.m. in the Novi Community Center.

ty School Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Rd.
F.E.M.A.L.E.
The Novi area chapter of F.E.M.A.L.E. (Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge) meets at Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information, call Janet at (810)476-5934.

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

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

Chess Club
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmillier, 344-4263 evenings after 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26

Lions Club
The Novi Lions Club will meet at Kim's Gardens at 6:30 p.m. for dinner followed by a meeting.

Seniors business
The Novi Senior Social Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center for its regular monthly business meeting.

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

Saturday, March 1

Genealogy Workshop
The Grand River Trail Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring a genealogy workshop from 1-4 p.m. at Millford Park Place, 555 Highland Ave., Millford. The workshop is open to anyone interested in joining the DAR and doing family genealogy. Refreshments provided. For more information, call 685-9818.

Monday, March 3

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

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

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

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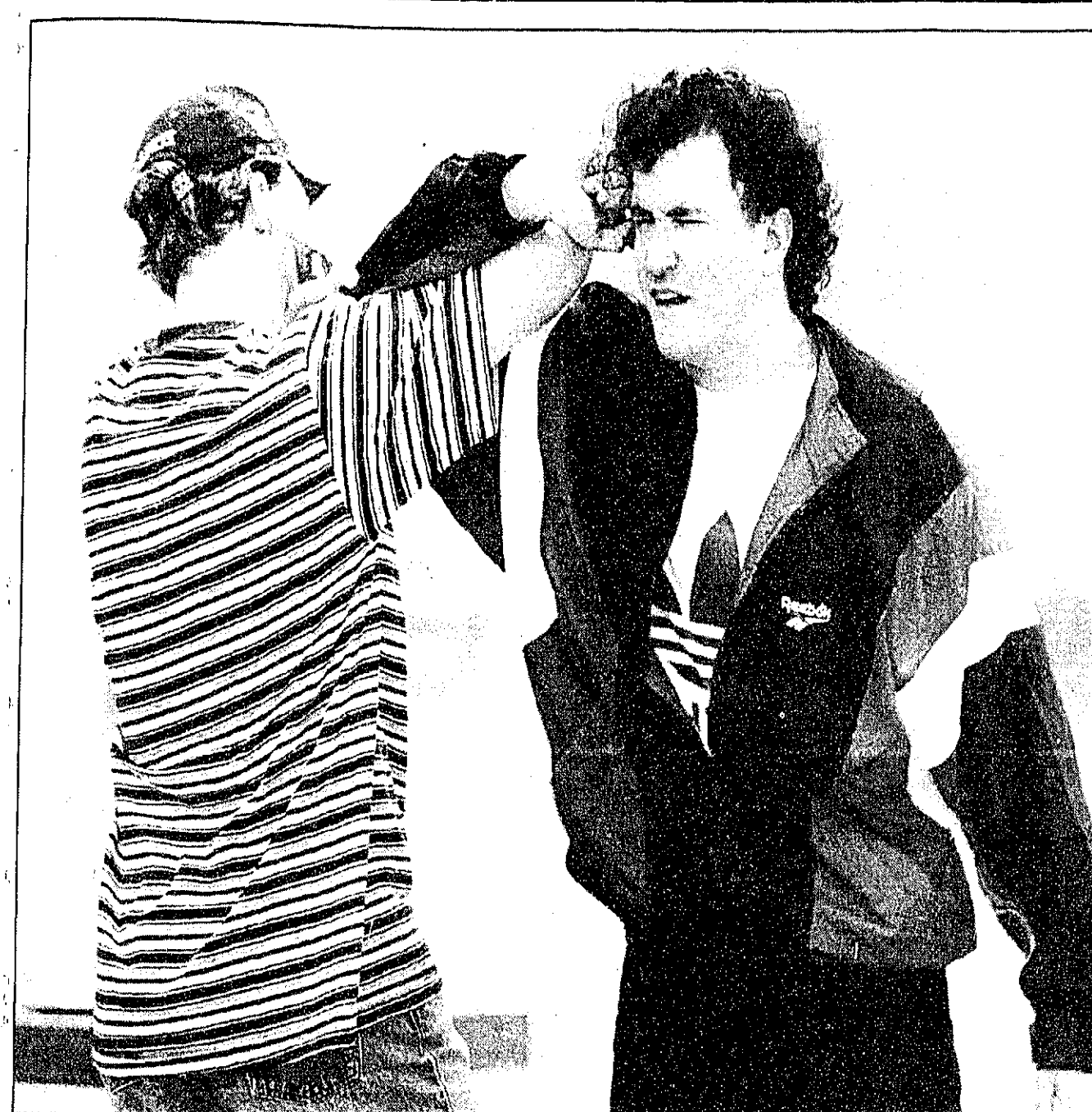
Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters
The Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters Club meets from 7-9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile. For more information, call Tom Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, March 4

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

Civil Air Patrol
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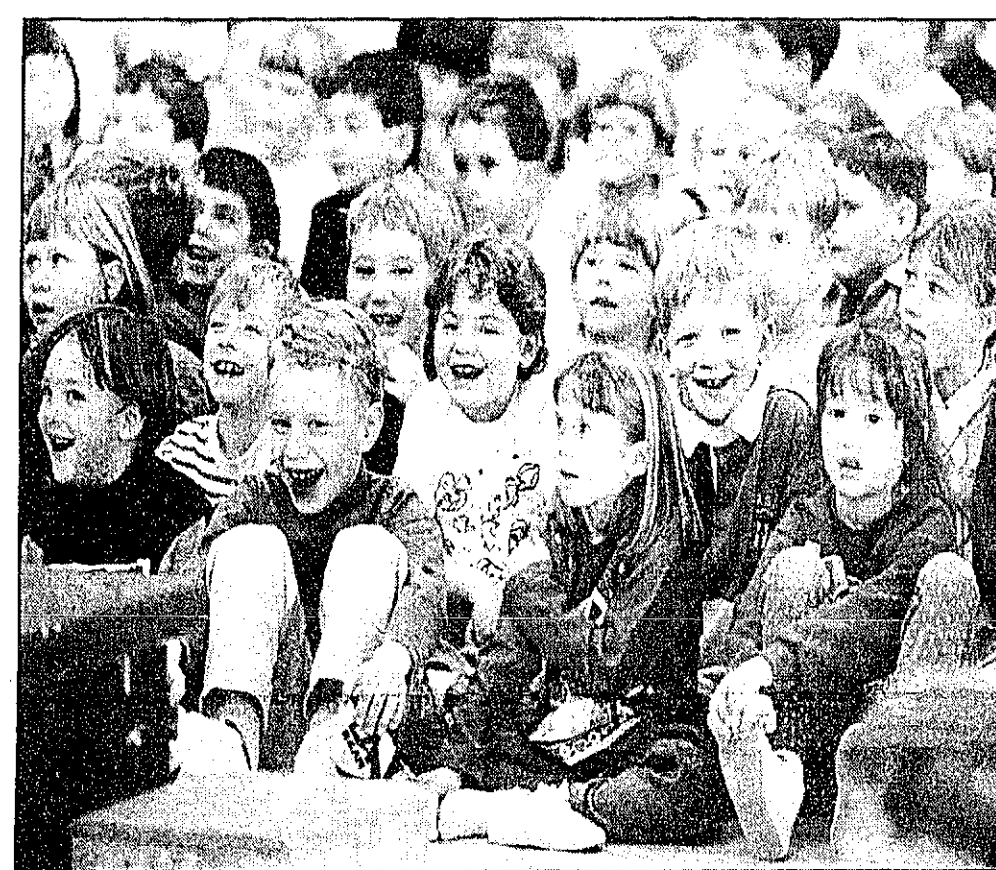
Menopause Support Group
Providence Medical Center's Conference Center, 47601 Grand River Ave., hosts a monthly menopause support group from 7:30-9 p.m. for women with concerns about menopause. Call 380-4115 for more information.



Trading places

Above, Corey Krebsbach, left, and Travis Stroessner, members of the Bridgework Theatre Group, ham it up during Trading Places, an original play that incorporates the ideals of honesty and respect when dealing with their peers. The play was performed last week for Orchard Hills Elementary School students. At right, Orchard Hills Elementary School students found the performance of Trading Places pretty humorous.

Photo by JOHN HEDER



Prop A cuts tax complaints, too

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Over the past year, Novi homes have gone up an average of 5 percent in market value, according to Oakland County's Equalization Division.

While assessment notices will reflect that change on paper, the State Equalized Valuation actually used to calculate tax bills will not go up much more than one percent for most properties, due to Proposal A, City Assessor D. Glenn Lemmon said.

"There's going to be increases, but nothing earth shattering. There's been very little change at every level, so I'm pretty excited about it," Lemmon added.

Assessment notices will go out on Feb. 28.

In 1997, Novi's tax base has pushed all the way to \$1.55 billion. New construction accounts for a \$75 million increase in market value, Lemmon said. While the increase in most property values citywide is capped at 1.028 percent by Proposal A, the overall hike in market values still increases Novi's tax base by another \$46 million.

Since the voter-approved Proposal A kicked in, Novi's assessment appeal process has changed from a week-long undertaking involving two Boards of Review to one Board of Review sitting just three days.

The Board will be in session on March 10 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 12 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. To schedule an appointment to protest an assessment, the deadline is March 7 by 5 p.m. Appeals must be filed at the Novi City Assessor's Office. To appeal by letter, the deadline is the close of the business day on March 12.

"We've had two years of Proposal A. Every year gets better. The state's finally figured out how they want things done," said Lemmon, who took over as city assessor

when Jim Klausmeyer retired last summer.

"Last year, the board did run five days; we had a lot of open time. The laws are doing what they are intended to do."

"Lake properties tend to appreciate a little more than off-lake," he added.

"We're not seeing any real reductions. We're not seeing any real increases."

Proposal A took effect in 1995, limiting tax assessments. This year's SEV (50 percent of market value) is based on a property's 1994 SEV. Any increases must be the lowest of three figures: the change in the market value, the Consumer Price Index or 5 percent. In 1997, the lowest figure is the CPI - 1.028 percent.

If the SEV of a \$200,000 home was \$100,000 last year, it could only rise this year by the rate of inflation to \$101,028. This applies even if the market value has gone up 5 percent, indicating an SEV of \$105,000 based on the pre-Proposal A system.

For homes purchased from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1996, the SEV will be based on market value. Take two identical \$200,000 homes, sitting side-by-side, with an assessed market value increase of 5 percent. One home remains occupied by the same family for years. They pay taxes calculated by the CPI-based assessment increase, giving them an SEV of \$101,028 this year. The house next door is sold. That family pays taxes based on the 5 percent market value increase, so their SEV is \$105,000.

"Two people with exactly the same house will have different tax bills, depending on when they bought the house," Lemmon said.

Assessment increase may also be due to improvements to the property, such as a new garage or sunroom.

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HEALTH NOTE
by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.
A NEW ANGLE ON ANKLE SPRAINS
Studies indicate that injuries to the ligaments that connect the ankle to the leg, commonly known as ankle sprains, are the most common type of sports injury. Ankle sprains are not limited to any one activity and have been encountered while engaging in everything from basketball, jogging, and soccer, to racquet sports and sleep apnea. And, while it was once widely assumed that loose joints and high arches were to blame for this injury, new research seems to indicate otherwise. According to researchers at the University of Vermont in Burlington, it is a strength imbalance among the muscles that control vertical and lateral motion of the foot and ankle that are to blame. In light of this new information, strengthening these muscles may be the best defense against ankle sprains.

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Sen. Bullard introduces tax cutting legislation
State Sen. Bill Bullard (R-Milford) has introduced two important tax-cut measures for small businesses.
The first proposal would amend the single business tax to increase the amount of owner compensation allowed and still permit the company to file for the small business tax credit. The level has been set at \$115,000 for several years and the Bullard proposal would increase that amount to \$175,000 beginning this year.
The other proposal would amend the personal property tax to more realistically determine the useful life of business equipment.

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Police arrest man for intent to deliver

Novi police arrested a 19-year-old Livonia man on Feb. 13, after he was seen speeding through the Novi Plaza parking lot and onto Ten Mile Road at 11:30 p.m.

Police News

Police pulled the man over at the corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road and spotted a six pack of Heineken beer and three bottles of Zima in plain view within the vehicle. The man was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

A search of the vehicle turned up a bag filled with four bags of marijuana which appeared to have been separated for sale, stated the report. Police also found another pipe.

Police said the man denied being a seller and insisted the drugs were from his brother. He was also charged with intent to deliver.

WALLET TAKEN

A 16-year-old Novi boy was caught by Lord & Taylor security officers, Feb. 5, after he was seen taking a \$25 wallet out of the store.

without attempting to pay for it, police said.

SMOKING IN THE PARKING LOT

A 22-year-old Brighton man was arrested Feb. 13 after Novi officers saw the man drive his 1984 Mercury Topaz around the Ted Robin parking lot without headlights on at 1:25 a.m.

Police said the officer saw the man park the car and attempt to light a marijuana pipe. According to the report, the driver of the car turned over a baggie containing 1.5 grams of marijuana and the passenger turned over the pipe. Police also found two more pipes and rolling papers within the vehicle.

CELL PHONE TAKEN

A White Lake man left his cell phone on his table at Big Boys Restaurant, Feb. 7, and went to

make a salad. When he returned the cell phone was gone, according to police.

UNWANTED REDECORATING

A home on Sunrise Street was hit by paint balls the night of Feb. 11. According to police the owner of the home heard a thumping against the house and found 15 to 20 red paint spots on the garage and front door at 10:30 p.m. The next morning additional paint was found. Police placed extra patrol in the neighborhood.

WORK OF ART

Police said a 22-year-old Novi woman received quite a surprise from a customer who came into Picture Perfect in West Oaks II. The lone employee told police that on Feb. 11 at about 1 p.m. a white male, approximately 25-years-old with short brown hair approached

her to ask some questions. However, after several questions the man, wearing blue nylon pants and a red flannel sweatshirt, pulled a rubber example of the male anatomy from his pants and asked "How do you like this?"

According to the report, after she became disgusted, he then showed her the real thing and said "Well how do you like this?" He apologized as she picked up the phone and explained that "his girlfriend had cheated on him and this was his way of getting back at her."

He asked if she was going to call anyone and she said no, so he left in a tan Volkswagen.

STOLEN TRUCK

A black 91 Chevy truck was stolen from a parking space in the Woodland Glen Apartments off Eight Mile Road, Feb. 11. Police said the door lock molding was found on the ground near the parking space.

Citizens with information about incidents should call 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Kindergarten registration

It's time to begin kindergarten registration for the fall of 1997. All Novi school district elementary schools will be hosting their parent information meetings 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 exceptions.

Listed below are the start times for each information meeting and the phone number for each building. Call the appropriate school for further information.

Novi Woods Elementary, 7:30 p.m., (810) 449-1230.

Orchard Hills Elementary, 7 p.m., (810) 449-1400.

Parkview Elementary, 7 p.m., (810) 449-1220.

Village Oaks Elementary, 7:30 p.m., (810) 449-1300.

For assistance in determining which elementary school your child will attend, contact (810) 449-1200.

Class Notes needs student work

The Novi News is accepting copies of original artwork, writing or color photography from students of any age to be included on the Class Notes page of the newspaper. Include name, grade, school and age of the child and submit to Class Notes, The Novi News, 104 W. Main Street, Northville MI 48167. The items cannot be returned.

Playscape Progress

The Tim Pope Memorial Playscape Committee is seeking donations of up to \$130,000 to defray the cost of construction of the structure in the Sports Park at Napier and Eight Mile Road.

A partial list of donors, whose contributions have ranged from \$10 to \$1,000, includes:

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Colleen Gorman-Klann, Robert E. Shaw Jr., Ted Mech, Mary M. Drafa, Carol Elfring, Edward and Kathleen Vusick, Alan C. Reynolds, Jerry Harris, Bill and Marilyn Rice, Patrick and Kathleen Carroll, Vic and June Mesenbring, Mary Ann Weber, Jim and Mayumi Tevens, John A. Kuenzel, and Richard and Diane Clark.

BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION DONATIONS

Novi Police Officers Association, Willowbrook Community Association, Meadowbrook Glens Homeowners Association, Novi Chorales, and checks from the Holiday Gift Shop.

The Tim Pope Memorial Playscape Committee is extending its thanks to each donor.

The Tim Pope Memorial Playscape will include a picket fence that will provide safety and security for the children. For a \$100 donation, Novi residents can have their family names or the name of a loved one engraved on a wooden picket to be a part of the fence.

A special area of the fence will be designated for "In Memory Of" pickets. For a \$500 donation, city businesses can have their company names engraved on a picket. Donations are still being accepted for the construction and members are still being recruited for committee work. Make the check payable to the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape. Send to Novi Parks and Recreation, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

The committee is also seeking donations of tools to be used in the construction of the playscape.

The playscape, designed by nationally known Teachers & Associates, will be coordinated, funded and built by the community. Responses should be sent no later than March 15.

For more information, contact Colleen Klann at (810) 349-2511.

Age suit against Novi store sent to trial

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

The State of Michigan Court of Appeals has reversed an earlier decision regarding the age discrimination case of a former Twelve Oaks Lord & Taylor employee.

The appellate court denied Feb. 11, in the case of Marianne Gristy vs. Lord & Taylor and Lynda Campbell, there was substantial evidence to reverse a May 1995 Macomb Circuit Court decision which favored the defendant, Lord & Taylor. The case was sent back to Macomb County Circuit Court for jury trial.

"I was shocked with the initial ruling," said Deborah Gordon, attorney for the plaintiff, Gristy. "I thought there was plenty of evidence. So I'm not surprised with the reversal."

According to the ruling by Judges Kathleen Jansen, Maureen Pulte, Rely and Edward Sosnick, Gristy, filed suit against the store and her former supervisor on the basis of age discrimination. She felt she had been terminated because of her age, 57, at the time of discharge.

According to testimony within the report, Gristy maintained that she was hired in September of

1991 and worked for Lord & Taylor until October of 1992. When she was hired for a position as area sales manager in shoes, handbags, accessories and jewelry she was told by her supervisor, Twelve Oaks store general manager Campbell, that "if it were up to her, she wouldn't hire" Gristy.

Gristy received a bachelor of public relations and marketing in 1980 and had eight years of previous experience.

Campbell testified that Gristy was the only manager over the age of 50 at the Novi store and that during Campbell's tenure at the store, Gristy was the only person over the age of 50 that she hired into a salaried position.

According to Gristy, she was told to "write up" two older employees and to give one of the women extra work in order to force her to retire.

However, the Lord & Taylor maintained there were problems with Gristy's performance and she

was placed on probation in February for 60 days.

During that time, Gristy sent a letter to the regional human resources manager, complaining that she was being discriminated against because of her age and religion (citing a Jewish joke told by Campbell.) A meeting took place between the three people and Campbell denied making statements about Gristy's age.

Gristy completed her probation in May and received a "good" review and a \$1,000 pay raise. However, her new supervisor began to complain about her performance in June, saying she was not getting merchandise onto the floor on time and not maintaining a good presentation.

The defendant said Gristy failed to report some merchandise during an inventory and received a bad rating as well as a final warning. Another audit was completed and resulted in another poor rating. Gristy was terminated "due to her failure to keep her performance at an effective or better level."

Her former stock clerk, a 28-year-old woman, replaced her.

The appellate court said Gristy

had to show she was a member of a protected class (40-70 years of age), that she was discharged, that she was qualified for the position and that she was replaced by a younger person.

She also must show factual evidence that "could lead a reasonable jury to conclude that defendant's proffered reason for discharge are a mere pretext for age discrimination."

The judges agreed Gristy had done that.

Deborah Gordon specializes in work-loss cases and said that because companies are paring down the work force, older workers are finding it more and more difficult to find jobs and hold positions.

"It works against people over the age of 50," Gordon said.

The reality of it is there's really nothing you can do if a company wants to get rid of you," she explained.

Therefore it's necessary to keep good records and try to document performance evaluations and complaints in case there is a need to pursue litigation, Gordon said.

Attorney's for the defendant could not be reached by deadline.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Feb. 16. Each incident is listed by fire, location, time and engine and squad which responded.

MONDAY, FEB. 10

Medical, 50505 Idaho, 3:04 a.m., Squad 4.

Fire alarm, 39560 Orchard Hill Place, 8:51 a.m., Engine 3.

Stand by, Stonehenge, 8:23 a.m., Response 510.

Medical, 22867 Picnic Court, 8:28 a.m., Squad 3.

Medical, Twelve Mile Road, 9:03 a.m., Squad 4.

Medical, Autumn Park No. 59, 9:17 a.m., Squad 4.

Injury accident, Novi Road and Gen-Mar, 3:42 p.m., Squad 1.

Investigation, 44490 Sinsex, 3:51 p.m., Squad 4.

Injury accident, Grand River and Town Center, 4:58 p.m., Squad 1.

Fire alarm, 45500 Grand River, 5:44 p.m., Engines 1 and 4.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Medical, 45182 West Road, 11:33 a.m., Squad 2.

Medical, 25510 Fountain Park, 4:18 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 43350 Crescent, 5:08 p.m., Squad 1.

Medical, 21104 E. Glen Haven, 7:35 p.m., Squad 3.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

Medical, 29919 Montmorency, 8:43 a.m., Squad 2.

Investigation, 24243 Jamestown, 9:10 a.m., Engine 1.

Injury accident, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 9:38 a.m., Squads 1 and 3.

Medical, 22706 Heatherbrae Way, 11:23 p.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

Medical, 26195 Taft Road, 3:13 p.m., Squad 4.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

Car fire, 39555 Orchard Hill Place, 8:14 a.m., Engine 3.

Stand by, Stonehenge, 8:23 a.m., Response 510.

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District seeks input on new school

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

The Year 2000 could change the face of elementary education in Novi dramatically.

September 2000 is the tentative date set to pilot an alternative, elementary-based school in the Novi school district. Although no one is sure yet what that could be, under consideration are ideas like a theme school or an extended-year school.

In 1995, voters approved a \$33 million bond issue to build a new Middle School and renovate the existing Novi Meadows into a fifth elementary. The administration began to wonder last year if an alternative elementary in that building would be a good idea. For one, it would eliminate the need to redistrict elementary school boundaries in Novi as the new building opens.

The first step is getting the community involved, according to Rita Traynor, assistant superintendent for instruction.

As part of the process, a March 13 community-wide meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. at the Instructional Technology Center. Parents, business owners, students and anyone else from the community is invited to attend and brainstorm on the idea.

On hand to facilitate the event will be Franine Smithson, a consultant for the Middle Cities Education Association which lobbies for schools in the center of the state.

"We have no preconceived notions," said Traynor, explaining the forum will begin with various

TIMETABLE FOR CHANGE

Dec. 1996 to Nov. 1997 - The district will collect information and develop a team or people dedicated to exploring the issue. The team will go on site visits to other alternative schools and research the issue.

Nov. 1997 to June 1998 - The team and administration will develop an innovative elementary program and will work with architects and other district schools.

July 1998 to Jan. 1999 - The team and administration will create a climate within the district and community for the school to succeed through showcasing and awareness sessions. Design staff selection process.

Feb. 1999 to August 1999 - Teachers receive professional development for the new school. Cadre works to create policy and curriculum standards.

Sept. 1999 to Sept. 2000 - Teachers practice innovative techniques in present classrooms, finalize design of program.

Fall of 2000 - Implementation of a one-year pilot program.

ideas on how to change elementary education.

Approximately 20 to 30 people from all walks of the city will be selected to serve on a "cadre" or team that will explore the issue and create the new school.

"We have to have the community committed to it," said Traynor.

While most of what the district will do is still unknown, there are a few things that are for sure, according to Smithson.

In her proposal she states:

- Parents and staff will have input into the school.
- The team will research other district schools.
- The new school would be

the Novi High School schedule, now the district wants to know "whether there is an innovative way to approach restructuring for elementary education," explained Lippe.

"We can stay complacent or we can embark on some of these programs that make some of us grow," said Lippe.

Smithson, a consultant since 1984 and past staff member for the Michigan Department of Education, will be paid \$500 for each day she works on the study. According to a proposal she presented to the Novi schools Board of Education in January, she will spend approximately 65 days working with the project.

Much of the work will consist of helping to gather information and determine the focus of the school.

The district will have to determine the school stays kindergarten through fourth grade or increase it to include up to sixth grade? Are teachers hired on the knowledge this concept may be applied in the future? Do students attend year-round or for an extended year?

The philosophy of the school also needs a focus, she said. The team will grapple with questions like: How do people learn? What should we learn? How should learning be designed? How do we know learning occurs?

"It's real easy to say is what we need is less lecture and we need more active learning but what does that look like?" Smithson explained.

Chimney fire sweeps through three Novi condominiums

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

A malfunction in a chimney apparently was the cause of a fire that spread from one condominium in Old Orchard to two neighboring homes, leaving an estimated \$165,000 in damage.

At 6:51 p.m. on Feb. 8, the Novi Fire Department was called to 24553 Basham Drive. At that time the fire was already through the roof and had spread to the attics of neighboring condos on both sides.

Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan said, "There were no injuries."

Homeowner Patli Bohland had used the fireplace earlier that day and the chimney ignited.

"They didn't realize it until they heard crackling in the walls," Lenaghan said.

"The fire had gotten into the walls. They discovered and their smoke detector went off. It was pretty extensive."

The roof had to be torn off of this condominium and the walls were damaged.

Both the Wilson and the Wolfson residences next-door had fire, smoke and water damage, as well.

Lenaghan said he didn't know when the Basham Drive resident last had her chimney cleaned, but advised all owners of fire places to have their chimneys professionally

swept yearly as a safety precaution.

"They were burning an imitation log. It's not like that a huge fire,"

the chief added.

Earlier that week, a Feb. 6 kitchen fire around 6:30 p.m. at 3099 Warley Court left \$3,000 in

damage throughout the north end apartment occupied by Gregory Fretzner. While the grease fire was confined to the area around the

stove, smoke damage spread throughout the residence.

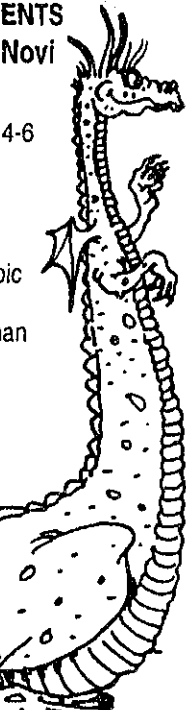
"The stove was pretty well burned out," Lenaghan said.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Snow problem

Joan Connell glides through Maybury State Park on cross country skis. On Monday afternoon, Connell and a friend were taking advan-

tage of a few new inches of snow that fell in the area this weekend to try the park's trails. By mid-week, most of it had melted.

Rep. Cassis switches vote to repeal voter ID legislation

By TIM RICHARD
Sports Editor

Eleven crossover Republicans helped House Democrats pass a bill that would repeal a 1996 state law requiring voters to show a photo identification before being given a ballot.

"I had considerable feedback since this was passed in the lunch session in December," said Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, who backed the bill then but voted Feb. 13 to repeal it.

"All my clerks have concerns about requiring photo ID," said Cassis, whose district includes Novi, Walled Lake, Wyand, South Lyon, Lyon Township and Milford.

"Where is there authentication, recorded abuse that requires photo ID? We Republicans are the party of less government, less regulation, less intrusion into the lives of individuals," she said.

The House voted 66-40 to pass House Bill 4226 repealing the photo ID law and sent it to the Senate, controlled 22-16 by Republicans.

Unless repealed, the law will take effect the first of April. It requires a person to present either a driver's license or other identification with a photo before being issued a ballot.

Greg Kazza of Rochester Hills, the only House Republican to oppose the original bill in December, argued for repeal. "The U.S. Justice Department and FBI have a record of investigating and prosecuting voter fraud ... Saul Green, the U.S. attorney for southeast Michigan, made public statements encouraging citizens to report incidents of voter fraud."

Kazza said no incidents were reported. He quoted Attorney General Frank Kelley, a Democrat, and Secretary of State Candice Miller, a Republican, that "there was no evidence of voter fraud" in 1996 voting.

Nevertheless, Republican Andrew Raczekowski of Farmington Hills said lawmakers "should be proactive" and halt fraud before it starts.

"Citizens in my district favor this. They show a photo ID to board a plane. They show a photo ID when they use their Visa cards," he said.

Cassis voted for the repeal bill. Republicans failed, mainly, on party-line votes, to soften the effect of the original law. Among the rejected amendments:

- Not require a photo ID if the polling place has a record of the voter's registration with a signature.

Require the Secretary of State to issue free photo identification cards to persons who don't have driver's licenses. Democrats scoffed that the GOP provided no cost estimate or appropriations bill.

"Never require any individual, company or public official to demand a photo ID under any circumstances," Rep. Bob Brackenkridge, R-St. Joseph, a former county clerk, argued for keeping the photo ID law. He said the federal "motor voter" law prevents local clerks from canceling the registrations of persons who haven't voted.

Result: Each year 10 percent of voters who no longer live in the area swell the voter lists, and 20 percent of Michigan registrations are now deadwood.

"The possibility for fraud is out there," said Brackenkridge. Democrats argued that the fraud Republicans seek to prevent is non-existent and a burden on senior citizens who no longer drive.

Refer to HB 4226 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 18.562 — ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 562

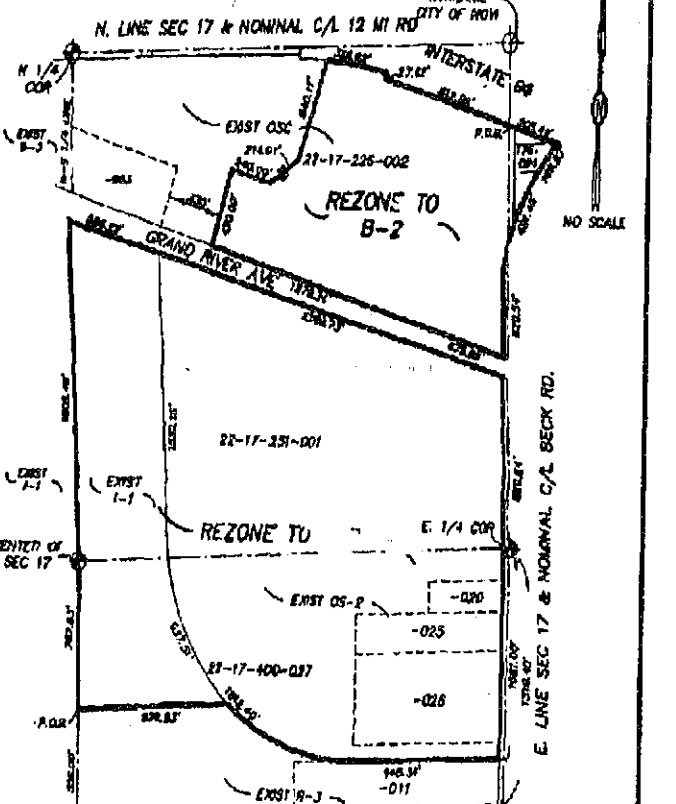
CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:
PART I: That Ordinance No. 84-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi, is hereby amended by the amending of the Zoning Map as indicated on ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 562, attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

PART II: CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED. Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART III: WHEN EFFECTIVE. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety and is hereby ordered to take effect fifteen (15) days after final enactment. It shall be published within fifteen (15) days of adoption. The effective date of this Ordinance is February 25, 1997.

MAD AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan, this 10th day of February, 1997. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., local time.

KATHLEEN S. McLALLAN, MAYOR
TONN L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK



To rezone a part of the east 1/2 of Section 17 and a part of the NW 1/4 of Section 16, T.1N., R.8E. City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Southern right-of-way line of Interstate 96, said point being S20°00'00"E 421.77 feet along the east line of Section 17 from the Northeast corner of Section 17; thence S74°00'10"E 305.42 feet along the Southern right-of-way line of Interstate 96, to the Western right-of-way line of Beck Road; thence S34°48'28"W 169.97 feet along said Western right-of-way line; thence S21°41'48"E 169.97 feet along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 1192.26 feet, a central angle of 20°11'12" and a chord bearing and distance of S24°42'52"W 419.30 feet, along said Western right-of-way line to a point on the east line of Section 17 (nominal C/L of Beck Road); thence S02°00'00"E 620.54 feet along said east line to the Northern right-of-way line of Grand River Ave.; thence N73°27'17"W 675.88 feet along said Northern right-of-way line of Grand River Ave. (S/2 1/2 right-of-way); thence N73°26'47"W 1279.34 feet along said Northern right-of-way line; thence N16°33'13"E 420.00 feet; thence S73°26'47"E 240.00 feet; thence N53°57'32"E 241.01 feet; thence N16°33'13"E 540.11 feet to a point on the Southern right-of-way line of Interstate 96; thence S86.62 feet along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 1860.08 feet; a central angle of 11°54'32" and a chord bearing and distance of S81°06'41"E 385.92 feet along said Southern right-of-way line; thence S74°00'10"E 612.22 feet along said Southern right-of-way line to the point of beginning. Containing 42.6 acres.

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Also, beginning at a point on the east 1/4 corner of Section 17; thence S00°44'30"W 1081.00 feet along the east line of Section 17 (nominal C/L Beck Road); thence S89°23'25"W 945.34 feet to a point of curvature; thence 1812.40 feet along a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 1168.98 feet, a central angle of 88°50'19" and a chord bearing and distance of N48°11'25"W 1636.35 feet; thence N01°46'15"W 1552.16 feet to the Southern right-of-way line of Grand River Ave. (S/2 1/2 right-of-way); thence S71°15'12"E 2288.73 feet along said Southern right-of-way line to the east line of Section 17 (nominal C/L of Beck Road); thence S00°51'23"E 880.64 feet along said East line to the point of beginning. Containing 107.6 acres.

FROM: OSC OFFICE-SERVICE-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO: OSC OFFICE-SERVICE-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
Also, beginning at a point on the N-S 1/4 line of Section 17, said point being S00°44'30"W 1319.40 feet along the east line of Section 17 (nominal C/L Beck Road); thence S89°24'58"W 2694.86 feet to the N-S 1/4 line of Section 17 and N00°19'45"W 550.00 feet along said N-S 1/4 line to the point of beginning; thence continuing N00°19'45"W 767.63 feet along said N-S 1/4 line to the center of Section 17; thence continuing along the N-S 1/4 line N01°46'15"W 1805.48 feet to the Southern right-of-way line of Grand River Ave. (S/2 1/2 right-of-way); thence S71°15'12"E 2288.73 feet along said right-of-way line; thence S01°46'15"E 1552.16 feet to a point of curvature; thence 1812.40 feet along a curve to the left, said curve having a radius of 1168.98 feet, a central angle of 45°57'14" and a chord bearing and distance of S24°44'32"E 912.85 feet; thence S89°24'58"W 926.93 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 33.8 acres.

FROM: I-1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT TO: OSC OFFICE-SERVICE-COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
ORDINANCE 18.562

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION
I, Tonn L. Bartholomew, Clerk of the City of Novi, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance was approved and adopted by the Council of the City of Novi, at a Regular Meeting thereof, duly called and held on the 10th day of February, 1997, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law. (2-20-97 NR, NN 16067)

TONN L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

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Hot sauce lovers get the good stuff at gourmet shop

By RANDY COBLE
Staff Writer

Do you love a good hot sauce? We mean really love it, so much so that you're willing to gulp down keweenaw's worth of heat?

If you think you're hardy enough to plan on paying a visit to The Northville Gourmet & Wine Shoppe, there, sitting innocently enough on a wire shelf, you'll find a sauce so scorching that store owner Edward Hanna won't sell it to you unless you sign a waiver releasing him from insurance liability.

"It's almost beyond what anybody can handle," Hanna explained. "Tabasco sauce tastes like orange juice to me but this is like drinking boiling water. It's like acid."

The "it" in question is Dave's Insanity Sauce. The name should be one clue that this sauce ain't for the faint of heart. Another is the fact that it comes in a wooden box sealed with bright yellow CAPTION tape.

To Hanna, who's eaten spicy food from Nigeria to England, Dave's is one seriously sulfurous sauce.

"There's no describing it," Hanna, who's owned the Shoppe since 1993, said.

"It's almost beyond what anybody can handle."

Edward Hanna

Shoppe, located on Eight Mile Road just east of Tall, specializes in fine wines and unique foods. It also offers full catering services courtesy of the skilled hands of Tariq, Hanna's son and the Shoppe's chef.

It was Tariq who bought a bottle of Dave's pernicious pepper concoction for his dad while in North Carolina two years ago. Edward, a hot sauce connoisseur of sorts, has it still.

"It's like wine. That's how he treats it," Tariq said. "He'll use just a drop at a time."

His hesitation is due as much to self-preservation as from a desire to make the product last.

"This stuff is so strong that one drop will make a gallon of five-alarm chili that will just burn and burn," he explained.

Hence, that little rule about signing the waiver before paying your money.

"It isn't just a gimmick. This

sauce has oils and pepper extracts in it that can do some damage. If it got on a cut on your hand it could raise a blister," Tariq explained. "We just want people to understand that this stuff is serious."

Be forewarned: besides being blazing, Dave's also isn't cheap. Before you rush out and condemn your taste buds to the fiery furnace, be prepared to shell out \$18-\$20 for a bottle.

Still, some would say that's a small price to pay for a work of art. After all, Dave's ranks in the elite "Untouchables" category in Jennifer Trainer Thompson's *The Great Hot Sauce Book*.

According to Thompson, Dave, a former California restaurant owner, set out in 1991 to create the world's hottest hot sauce. He used a pepper extract made by shooting hexane through a pepper mash and extracting the capsaicin, Thompson explains.

In case you don't know, capsaicin is the substance often used in self-defense pepper sprays. It's so dangerous that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) won't allow you to possess large quantities of it without a permit.

Mixed in with capsaicin in Dave's Insanity Sauce are ingredients like tomato sauce, Indian and Asian habanero, Anaheim and

Jalapeno peppers. The mixture was supposedly banned from the nation's Fry Foods Show after a guy tried it and started hyperventilating, leading organizers to call 911, Thompson wrote.

To get an idea of the neighbor-

hood Dave's sauce is in, consider that fellow "Untouchables" include such alarming substances as Mad Dog Inferno, Armageddon, Endorphin Rush and Blair's After Death Sauce.

So far Hanna has sold only a few

bottles of the special concoction but he hasn't had any complaints yet.

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REAL ESTATE WEEKLY
By John DiMora
Coldwell Banker's #1 Agent Company Wide

THE FINAL PAPERWORK
The stacks of papers that you have to sign in order to buy a house can leave you confused. The person conducting the closing will ask you to sign your name to countless documents that are filled with "legalese." Some buyers just barely glance at each form and sign them without a lot of questions, while others find it very frustrating to try to read every form at the closing table.

You should read and understand the papers you sign. If you are getting a loan to buy the property, most of the paperwork will come from the mortgage company. In most cases, there is little time to read everything in advance because the forms arrive at the closing office shortly before closing is scheduled to begin. Most of the documents use standardized language, however, and you should be able to get copies of the documents ahead of time from the lender so that you can have your questions answered and be comfortable with the settlement process.

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ORDINANCE NO. 97-94-5**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance 97-94-5, an Ordinance to add Section 7-22 to the Novi Code of Ordinances, to require compliance with the City of Novi Utility and Street Acceptance Policy — Subdivisions and Site Condominiums.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, February 10, 1997 and the effective date is February 25, 1997. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing eastern time.

(2-20-97 NR, NN 16143)

TONN L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR BIDS
SALE OF FIRE TRUCK**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for Sale of a 1976 Ford/Almont Tanker according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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(2-20-97 NR, NN 16002)

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF MEETING
BOARD OF REVIEW**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 4, 1997 in the Novi Assessor's Conference room at 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment protests in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. on March 10, 11 & 12, 1997. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 7, 1997. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to three (3) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.

Written protests will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Wednesday, March 12, 1997. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a written petition for the Board of Review's consideration, you must attach the normal petition (available at the Assessor's Office), fully executed along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property, other than their own, MUST HAVE written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE:
Monday, March 10, 1997 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 11, 1997 — 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 12, 1997 — 12 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Outdoorama comes to Novi with a list of special events

By WENDY PIEMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

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 Sunday, Feb. 23 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 24-25 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 26 Noon to 9:30 p.m.
 Thursday-Friday, Feb. 27-28 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
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Children two-day passes are \$5. Special nights include Ladies Night on Feb. 21, Gander Mountain Fishing & Boating Weekend on Feb. 22-23, Jay's Sporting Goods New Products Night on Feb. 24, Pet Supplies Plus Sporting Dog Night on Feb. 25, Ted Nugent Bow Hunting Night on Feb. 26, Big Buck Brewery's Bug Back Night on Feb. 27, Kid's Night on Feb. 28 and Michigan Out-of-Doors Travel and Retail Weekend on March 1-2.

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OCC seeks to boost enrollment

By TIM RICHARD
 Staff Writer

Chancellor Richard Thompson's goals are recruiting more students, reaching westward into Livingston County, winning reaccreditation by the North Central Association, offering programs for the building trades, and beefing up in-service training for the faculty and staff of Oakland Community College.

"I do not take credit. I give credit. I do, however, accept responsibility for the institution even though I may not be specifically accountable for an act," Thompson told five trustees at their Feb. 18 meeting.

"I am firmly committed to the superiority of team effort over individual effort," said Thompson, who took the helm of the five-campus two-year college 11 months ago.

Reach Livingston - Thompson's personal projects include "establishing OCC presence in Livingston County," the high-growth county to the west which has no community college. Livingston students attend Mott in Flint, Lansing, Washtenaw and Schuylkill in Livonia as well as OCC.

The Legislature has eyed bills to require every county in the state to join or form a community college district.

"I'm real happy you're looking at Livingston County," said Scott.

• Building trades - Business leaders say there is a looming shortage of building trades workers in Michigan. Thompson said OCC "probably will be the largest in the state" to applause from Scott.

• In-service training - Expand and improve for faculty and staff. "We will spend a lot in this area as we move toward technology," he said.

• Organization - Hire a vice chancellor for academic and student services, add an executive director for marketing with a \$900,000 budget, present a revised administrative plan to the board, hold down administrative staffing in general.

• Technology - "Eliminate institutional roadblocks" through chancellor's council sessions; build support for technology into individual performance objectives; seek \$1 million in addition to property tax funds.

• Outreach - Attend external meetings, make civic group presentations, conduct business roundtable meetings, participate in Oakland County economic outlook.

• Inreach - In a tactic pioneered by Britain's Kings Arthur and Henry V, Thompson will "spend a minimum of four days per year performing activities as a college employee or student - for example, maintenance worker, records clerk, public safety officer, food service instructor, student."

Library Briefs

Library hours
 Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

AARP tax workshops
 AARP Tax Aide workshops have been scheduled for March 6 and April 7. On both days representatives will be at the library from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to assist with tax form preparation. Pre-registration is required, so call the library at (810) 349-0720 to sign up.

Book talk
 The next book discussion group meeting will be on March 3 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the library. The topic for discussion will be *Reach*.
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Bill Chakios is photographed with his daughter Kristine, 8, at the Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance Friday night at the Novi Civic Center. Chakios and 100 other fathers and 140 daughters attended the event. The annual event is one of Novi's most popular.

Woman investigated for funneling money from Novi firm's accounts

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

A 34-year-old Westland woman is alleged to have funnelled tens of thousands of dollars from a Novi company to a joint checking account she held with her incapacitated mother.

Although Novi police started the investigation in late December, it is now believed that the incidents occurred while the woman still worked out of the Plymouth office of Otis America Corp. As a result,

the case was turned over to Plymouth Township Police last week.

The woman worked in the accounting department and placed the funds into a seldom used account held by the company, according to Novi police. When the account began to grow, she would write a check out of the account to her mother's name. She would then deposit the check in their joint checking account.

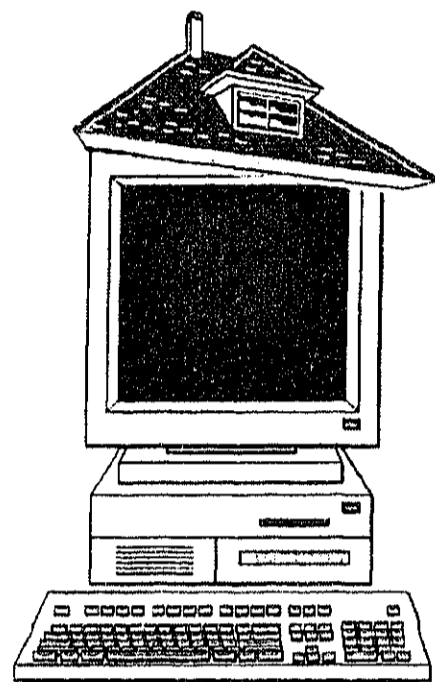
Police said the mother lives in an assisted living facility in West-

land and appeared unaware of the activity, which occurred throughout the last year.

The woman allegedly wrote three checks in the amount of \$30,000 to \$40,000 each. One check was discovered by the company and police. The money was still in her account. However, as police looked further, they discovered additional checks had been written.

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Enrollment is limited. Make-up days are not available for missed classes, but materials may be picked up at the Community Education office.

Instructor Neal Levin is a local freelance cartoonist with an elementary teaching degree. His work appears in The Observer and Eccentric newspapers.

Grade 2-4
 Novi Woods Art Room, 3:15-5:05 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26. Fee is \$12; no discount.

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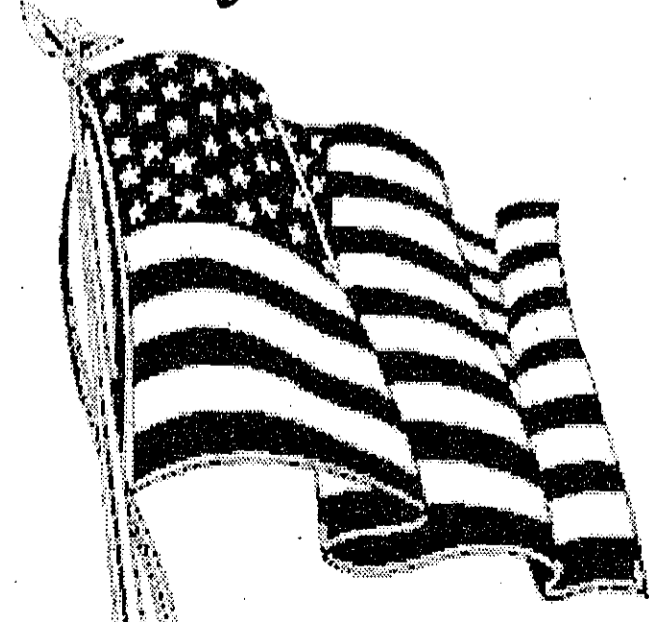
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Author to address Library Friends

Ask Judith Guest what it takes to get a novel published. She'll likely tell you that despite her success, she knows the exasperation and rejection that accompanies the effort.

"I think a lot of good books can fall through the cracks," she said during a recent visit to Ann Arbor. Best known for her novel of family life, *Ordinary People* — made into an award-winning film in the early 1980s — Guest is busy promoting her latest novel, *Errands*, which is set in Michigan.

You'll hear more about her latest work when she visits as a guest speaker for the annual Observer-HomeTown Newspapers and Friends of the Libraries Book and Author Luncheon Thursday, April 17.

The noon event — tickets are \$18 — will be at Fox Hills Country Club, 8788 North Territorial Road, Plymouth. It is hosted by the Friends of Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Novi libraries. Guest is no stranger to Michigan. Her ties run deep. Her brother lives in Farmington Hills, she is a University of Michigan graduate and her parents live in Fenton. Guest lives in Minnesota and also lists Harrisville in Michigan as an address.

Of course one of the first questions Guest gets is if she is related to famed poet Edgar "Bud" Guest. Indeed she is through marriage. It's clear that she feels some connection to the poet, especially in his descriptions of people.

"He wrote about ordinary people, too," Guest said. After she had written *Ordinary People*, she found a poem Edgar Guest had written titled "Real People." Within the poem he used the phrase, "ordinary people." Her newest novel is again about ordinary people and the obstacles they overcome. *Errands* is about a family whose father and husband, Keith, is dying of cancer. The husband accepts his fate, but his wife, Annie, doesn't.

The family spends its last summer together in a cabin in Au Gres, near Huron Lake, north of Bay City.

The husband's death turns the family's lives upside down. But it takes a second threatening event to make Annie and her three children understand that even without Keith they are still a family.

Guest said titles are easy for her to write. When she decided on *Errands* for the new book, she was



Judith Guest

committed. But editors didn't really like it. They suggested instead, "The Secrets He Kept" and "The Secrets They Kept." But Guest stuck to her guns.

"I love this title. It means a lot to me," she said.

The title is truly about the errands that people do in life.

"I have a lot of feelings about the errands women do," she said, adding that errands are the "gifts you give to yourself and other people."

Guest makes it clear that even with such a popular novel as *Ordinary People* on her resume, publication of future novels has been no guarantee. In fact, *Errands* was initially turned down. Finally, her son, Larry, read the book. His verdict: "Fix it."

So she cut out 100 pages and rewrote some of it.

Guest sent the book to five publishers, two said yes and they entered a bidding war. "This is a very precarious and uncertain business," she said. "This is a business contract you're negotiating." Guest, of course, has an agent. But in the early days when she sent *Ordinary People* to publishers, she had no connections and it was a tough experience getting it published.

Tickets for her talk are available at the Plymouth District Library, 705 South Main; Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center; Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady; and Novi Public Library, 45245 W. Ten Mile.

Tickets will not be sold at the door or after April 5.



Roots of music

Above, Novi Woods substitute teacher Nancy Yeager joins musician Guy Louis Ferlazzo in an impromptu jam. Ferlazzo introduced Novi Woods students to the histories of various forms of African music and the influences they have had on American culture in a recent program at the school. Yeager also sang the blues. Ferlazzo then got the crowd moving, left, with his renditions of various forms of African music.

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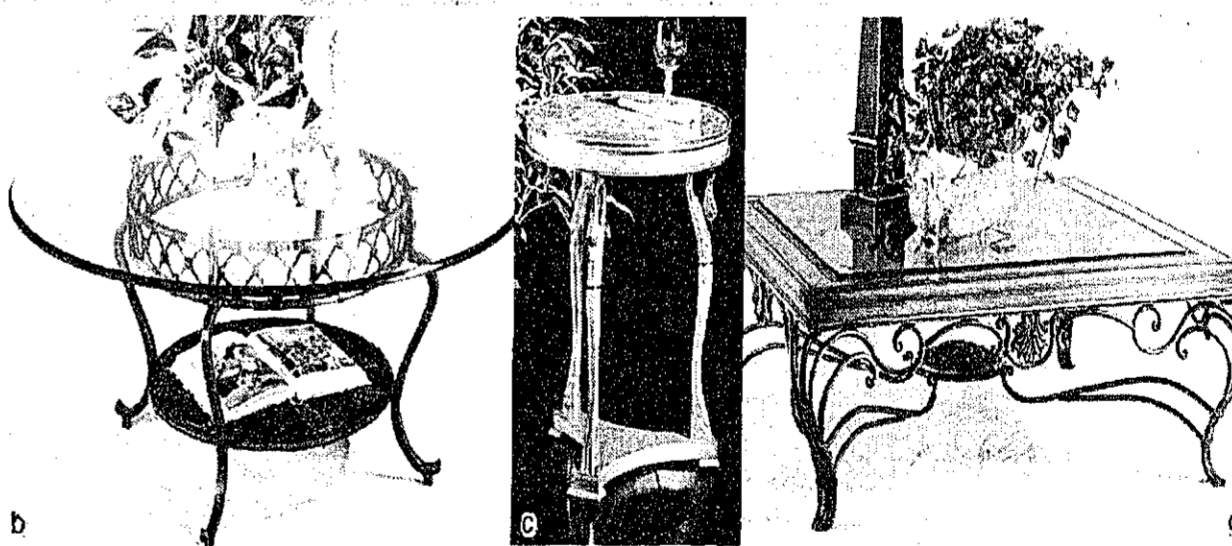
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Providence becomes a player in west side development

Grocery, mall in plan for site at Grand River and Beck

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A team working to encourage the state to speed up plans for an improved Beck Road freeway interchange.

Middleton said that Providence hasn't yet lined up the key players for the commercial development.

"The hope is that the anchor store would be a major grocer. At this point, we don't know who that would be," Middleton said.

Last week, the Novi City Council gave the hospital the rezoning it requested for land, which is on the west side of Beck Road. The zoning changes the north side from the office-service district, which is for a signature office site, to a business category. Providence land to the south was rezoned from light industrial and office-service two, to office-service district. This permits five-story buildings.

"We wanted the rezoning so it would enable us to develop the entire project at once," Middleton explained.

About 20 acres of 67-acres of Providence's vacant land on the north side of Grand River are expected to be used for the Beck Road interchange. City Manager Edward Krievall said in January that the state might complete the

new freeway exit and entrance in five years.

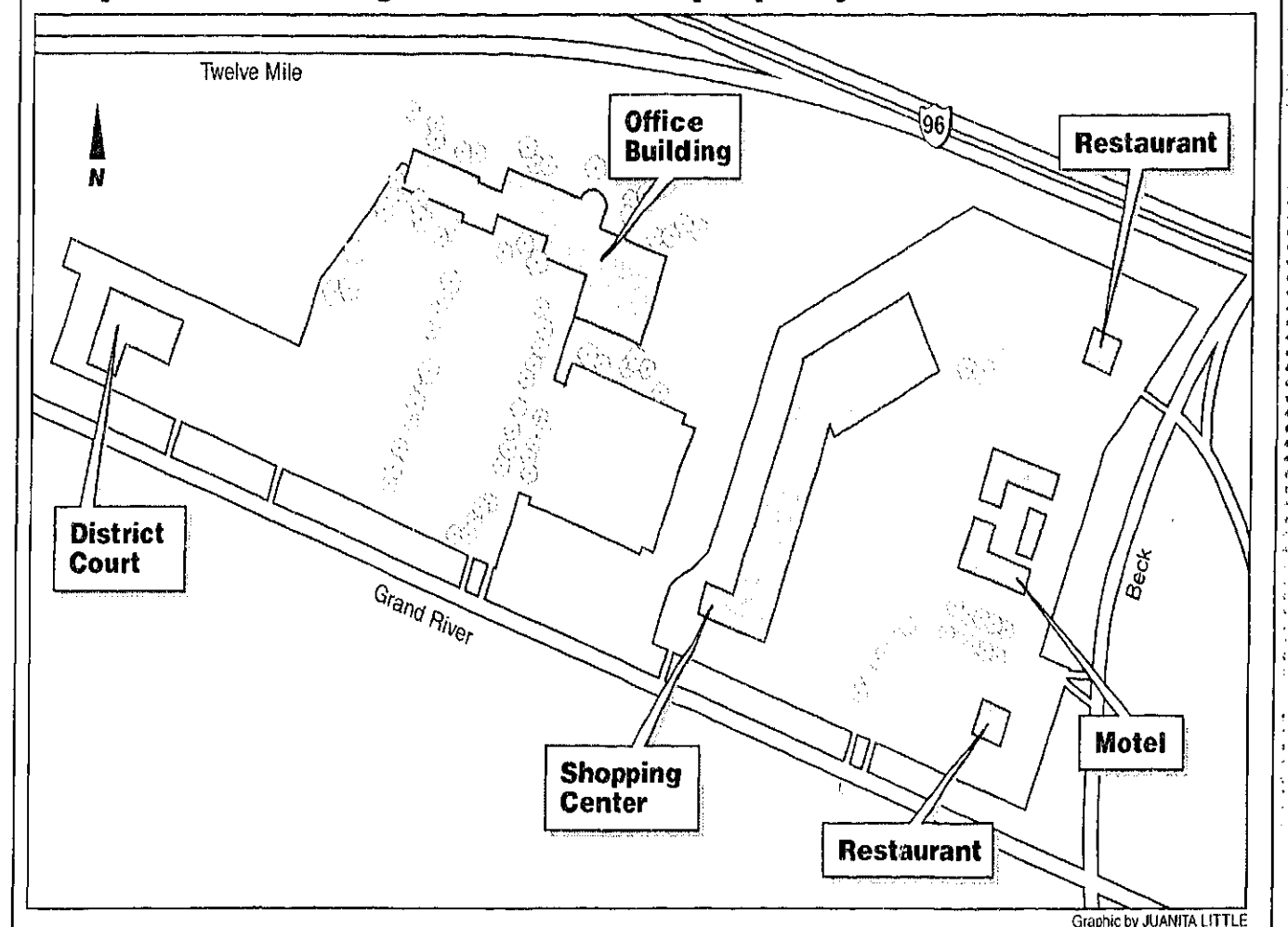
A 23-acre section of the southern property is remaining residential, to provide a buffer for existing homes in that area. Michael Cervenak, Providence's vice president for operations, noted in a letter to the Novi City Council.

Providence's property includes the Westhollow Golf Course. Cervenak has told the city that the medical center plans to keep the course in place for as long as possible, but it will not remain there forever.

Whether Providence will build the 200-bed hospital in Novi depends on the outcome of its lawsuit. After the state Department of Public Health seven years ago turned down its application for a certificate of need for the hospital, Providence sued the state. The health department contends that the region already has too many hospital beds.

One mile to the south of Providence, local homeowners are fighting a developer's plans to build a Kroger at Ten Mile and Beck roads, near a residential area. The hospital's proposed shopping area does not have subdivisions.

Proposed rezoning of Providence property



Providence Hospital named among nation's top 100 hospitals

By JIAN JEFFRIES
Staff Writer

Providence Hospital has been named one of America's top teaching hospitals, joining the ranks with such prestigious health-care providers as the Cleveland Clinic.

The award came in January from HCIA, Inc., a Baltimore-based health care information company and the Health Care Provider Consulting Practice of William M. Meyer, Inc., a New York human resources managing consulting firm.

Providence is ranked as one of the top 100 of 3,500 acute-care hospitals nationwide. Of the 120 teaching hospitals with 400 or more beds, Providence was ranked as only

one of 15 cited for superior performance, such as Medicare costs and discharge data, as well as measuring clinical, operational and financial performance. These findings were recently published in the trade magazine *Modern Health Care*.

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Obituaries

CECILIA J. JENKINS

Cecilia J. Jenkins of Novi died Feb. 13 at Greenery Extended Care in Farmington. She was 84. Mrs. Jenkins was born March 27, 1912, in Petoskey to Albert and Gladys (Bosworth) March.

Mrs. Jenkins lived most of her life in the Novi area. After 30 years of service, she retired as manager of the motel Dorchester in Detroit. She was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Livonia.

Mrs. Jenkins is survived by daughters, Nancy (William) Myers of Georgia, Sharon (Wilbur Beck) Nichols of Florida, Elaine (Roger) Bets of Brighton, Virginia Fabin of Detroit, Sandra (Richard) Maison of Brighton, and Carol (Gordon) Jacobs of Howell; son, Walter (Denise) of Novi; and 17 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 17, at Casterline Funeral Home Inc., Northville. Pastor Walter Dickinson of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Livonia, officiated. Interment was in Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Memorial contributions to Home Health Plus would be appreciated.

CECILIA STRUBEL

Cecilia Strubel, age 90, of Harper Woods died Jan. 4 in St. John's Hospital in Detroit. She was born Dec. 19, 1906, in Metz, Mich.

Mrs. Strubel was a homemaker. She is survived by: nieces, Virginia Pfeiffer and Marvella Strobeck; nephew, Martin Centala; and many grandnieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mrs. Strubel was preceded in death by her husband, Frank.

Services were held Jan. 7, 1997, at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Harper Woods. Interment was in

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Mich.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Novi.

Memorials to The Capuchin, 1740 Mt. Elliott Ave., Detroit, MI 48207-3496 would be appreciated.

FRIEDA MAY (SHOWECKER) OVERTON

Frieda May Overton, age 82, died Jan. 22 in Indianapolis, Ind. She was born in Indianapolis on Jan. 20, 1915, to Charles and Ada Showecker.

Mrs. Overton was employed by P.R. Malory and Keene Prescription Center, both for eight years, before retiring in 1964. She was a member of Wallace Street Presbyterian Church and the Women's Sewing Guild (when Community Hospital was first started). She was also a girl scout leader.

Surviving Mrs. Showecker are:

son, Zane Sr.; daughter, JoAnn Billington of Novi; five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Warren.

Services were held Jan. 24, at the Shirley Bros. Washington Memorial Chapel, Indianapolis, Ind.

WILLIAM O. MURPHY

William O. Murphy of South Lyon died Feb. 17 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Township. He was 76. Mr. Murphy was born Sept. 4, 1920, in Dublin, Ireland.

Mr. Murphy received his bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University in 1974. Before retiring in 1992, he was a state of Michigan investigator for the Inspector General's office for 20 years.

He is survived by his wife, Frances (Duggan); sons, Bill (Sue),

Rep. Cassis named whip

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grasp on highly technical issues, anything from sterilization of pets to tax policy.

The biggest effort will be restructuring the electrical industry, she said.

Cassis also serves on the Tax Policy, Mental Health and Public Utilities committees.

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As We See It

Give homeowners break on hook-up requirement

It comes as little surprise that some folks in Novi are unhappy with the city's mandatory water hook-up rule.

Construction of a water main to the city has just been completed, and the expectation is that the flow will take care of Novi's longstanding low water pressure problem. As a result, the state has lifted its moratorium on new water tap-ins in the city.

And now, under an ordinance passed back in 1990, any residents who have built their homes along the route of the mains during the interim - and as a result had to sink wells to get water during the ban - are now required to hook in.

The total number of people impacted comes to more than 600. The costs won't be cheap. The bill is likely to come to about \$1,500 per homeowner.

City council as a result is considering whether to give those homeowners a break by tossing out or easing the mandatory hook up rule. Council definitely should ease the rule. It simply is the right thing to do.

One can understand why the rule was passed in the first place. At the time, the city faced the prospect of bringing improved water service to the area while homeowners went on wells, thereby eliminating the need and the financial support for the improvement.

Gas tax requires courage

In the national and business press, John Engler sounds like a fiscal conservative's dream come true - 21 tax cuts worth \$2 billion.

Tell that to drivers whose vehicles are damaged by potholes. Tell it to insurers, repair shops, state universities and budget makers. The fiscal 1998 budget of Michigan's governor is causing nightmares and breeding political chaos.

Road disrepair has been an issue for a decade. Engler's predecessor, James Blanchard, wouldn't face up to a needed tax increase. Engler asked for time to squeeze 600 employees and hundreds of millions out of the transportation budget before asking for a fuel tax increase; he laid off and squeezed, but still won't face the inevitable.

Examine the governor's budget for fiscal 1998. There is no fuel tax increase. There are a number of funny-money proposals, however, that received a hostile reception in both parties.

First, Engler offered a one-year proposal. Sorry, that won't do. Roads are a continuing need - building, repairing, rebuilding, upgrading.

Second, Engler proposes to take money from the general fund and put it into the road fund. Michigan has done that only once in most of our lifetimes. Our style is to dedicate taxes from fuel and license fees to transportation in order to avoid raiding the general fund.

Our goal has been to take transportation out of the battle for dollars with education, welfare, prisons, natural resources, state police, courts and the rest. The Engler proposal would turn back the calendar and resurrect that political brawling.

The governor proposes a hike of 2.5 percent, the rate of the consumer price index, for universities and community colleges, whose price index is rising far faster than that. The chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, a member of Engler's own party, warned that



Government

It was also thought the rule, in conjunction with the moratorium, would help slow growth here in Novi.

It didn't work. The building boom has continued, and it is likely to through the coming years.

While that means many homeowners are indeed on wells and may not hook up if given a choice, it also means there should be plenty of new customers to help pay for the upgrade.

Apparently, it is not yet known whether the city can balance its accounts while permitting a voluntary hook up process. But it seems likely to us it will.

And if the city's review of the issue shows that's true, there is no need to mandate hook up. Most cities do not.

It would be a great deal better to let those who prefer well water, or just plain want to keep their existing systems for a while, to avoid hooking up for the time being.

The Legislature will boost the university line items more than 2.5 percent. The other party is seeking to restore \$105 million to adult education and more for teacher upgrading. The general fund money Engler proposes for roads simply won't be there.

Third, Engler indulged in some sleight-of-hand when he said there was \$40 million available for local road projects. What he was proposing was that the state take "revenue-sharing" money, which would go to the local units anyway, and tell them to use it on roads.

That decision should be made by counties, cities and villages, not by a central authority in Lansing. Engler has proposed precisely nothing new for local roads. In fact, one local unit after another is seeking local taxes and bonds for roads because the state source is inadequate.

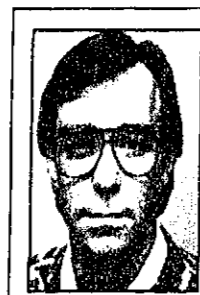
Fourth, while tax cuts may make Michigan's leader look like a model, or even national ticket material, in Iowa and New Hampshire, the fact of life is that those voters don't drive Michigan roads.

The effect has been to shove the costs onto drivers, especially those with smaller cars. Tires, wheel rims, chassis, trailers - all are being broken and battered on state, county and municipal roads. Auto insurers pay some of the bigger claims, but most repairs fall under the \$240 and \$480 deductibles in insurance policies, and so individual consumers bear the loss.

At election time, candidate Engler boasted of his ability to make "tough" decisions. On the road issue, his boasts ring hollow. He proposes to fix roads for one year by raiding colleges, local budgets and consumers' repair bills. We see nothing admirable and much divisive about Engler's funny-money approach.

The governor and Legislature should have the courage to raise the fuel tax for roads.

Observing in the newsroom



Michael Malott

I think I've finally figured out how to make the freshly big bucks. I'll just use my pen-and-ink for people watching and write my observations in a book. It should be a bestseller. Move over Desmond Morris.

Morris - whose documentary series *The Human Animal* has aired on PBS and the Discovery Channel - has made a long career out of watching people and then commenting on their behavior by comparing them to other animal species. A zoologist by training and a former curator at the London Zoo, he has found that many human activities mimic instinctive behaviors in other animal species. Perhaps we aren't as advanced or civilized as we like to think we are.

I thought of all this after having observed some interesting patterns of behavior on the part of that rare species of animal, the community journalist, in its very own habitat - the newsroom in *The Novi News/Northville Record* building.

Let's begin by comparing reporter Jan Jeffers to certain nest-building birds, like the robin. As you know, birds collect many different materials - twigs, straws, leaves, etc. - to build their nests. There is a certain similarity to the way Jan collects all manner of paperwork to heap on and around her desk. The similarity is becoming more obvious now that the stacks of papers have begun to resemble walls, enclosing her work area.

And you, Jan, always seems to know where her paper-

work is. Ask her for a special report or a copy of recent council minutes and she is likely to produce it for you real fast. The funny part is that Jan catches a good deal of flak for the condition of her desk from Executive Editor Phil Jerome. If you ever visited the *Novi News* offices back in the days when he nested here, you know why that is like the Raven accusing the Blackbird of having dark plumage.

A contrast to all that is the behavior of reporter Randy Coble, who keeps his desk neat as a pin. But Randy has started to exhibit moloss-like behaviors of late. Some molosses don't produce their own sensibels, they prefer to move into other's shells after the original occupant has moved out.

That's what Randy has been up to lately. Walk into the newsroom at any given time and you are more likely to find him working at someone else's desk than at his own. I don't know why. When I asked him, neither did he. Maybe humans operate more by instinct than we like to think.

Now, many animals are territorial. Most of the folks in the newsroom have splenched the urge to challenge the interloper when they find someone else at their desk - but not all. And that's where we come to Wendy Periman Mizel.

Jan, imitating Randy's nomadic behavior, decided this week she'd do some desk invading of her own. And when Wendy showed up in the newsroom, she quickly tried to reclaim her violated territory. She promptly shoed Jan back toward her own workstation.

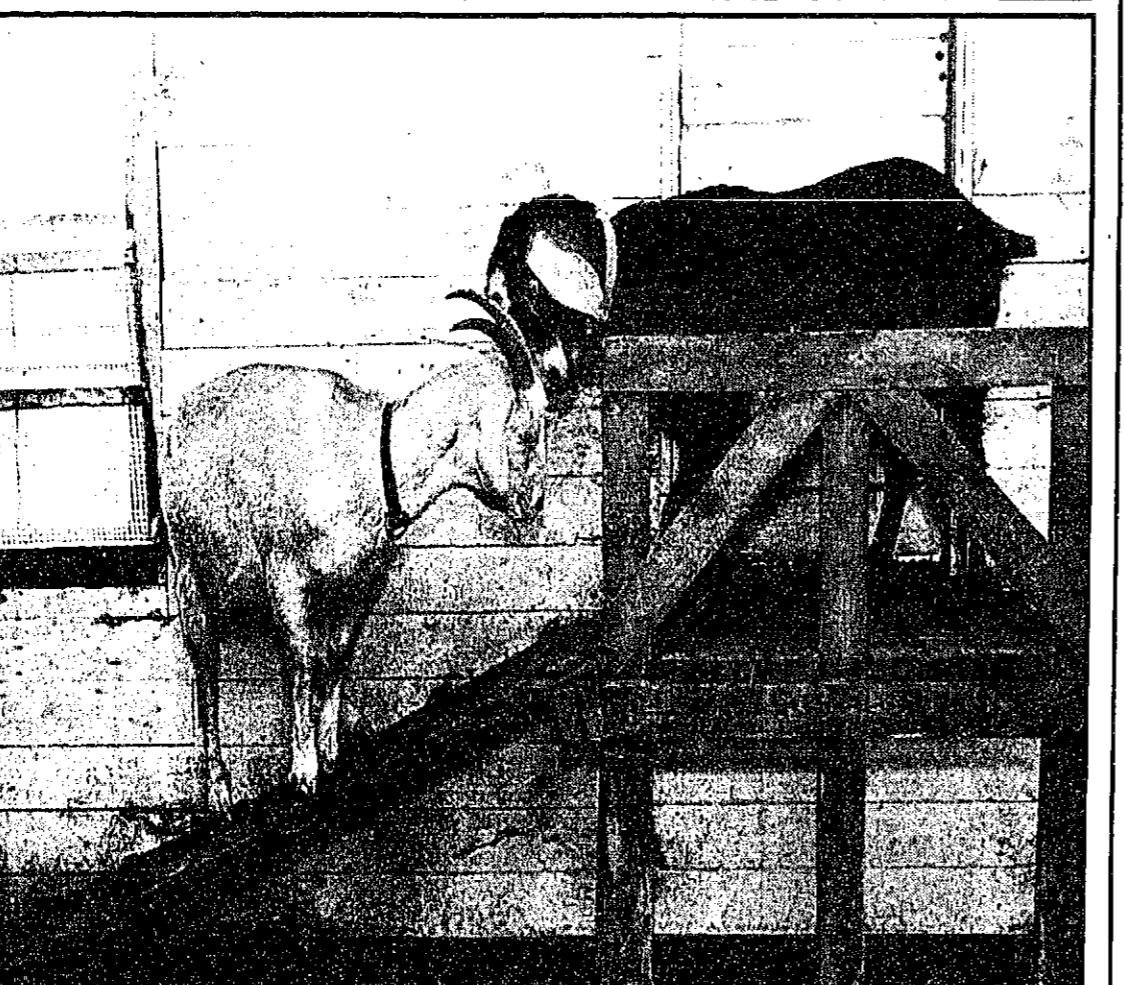
"But it's messy over there," Jan protested.

I wonder what Morris would have to say about all this.

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In Focus

By John Heider



Butting heads

Goats butt heads at Maybury State Park's living farm. With the winter temperatures, it may be their way of keeping warm.

Out roaming the community



Bob Jackson

I like to be out and about. As a reporter covering Northville city and public schools, I find that I get more information when I'm out of the office than when I'm at my desk - which makes sense because I really hate to talk on the telephone.

So out into the community I roam, and usually I end up at Joseph's Coney Island, a place where I get plenty of feedback from readers, and the cream of potato soup is out of this world.

It seems everybody eats lunch at the coney island - city workers, post office employees, school district employees, downtown merchants, and local residents crowd the place from noon to 2 p.m. Most times it's hard to find an empty seat in the place.

Not a day goes by when I'm not approached by a customer, who has a question or comment on something written in the newspaper. It's a place where I'm able to conduct my own informal surveys on the hot topics of the week, which lately seem to be centered around taxes, bad roads, the recent demise of a few downtown businesses, the controversy surrounding the local catholic church, and even the on again, off again play of the Detroit Red Wings - Joe usually frets out loud about the play of the Wings. He's worried they'll miss the playoffs.

Some of the questions are thought provoking. A morning regular, who I only know as John, had a question ready for me when a few months ago I walked through the door for my customary 8 a.m. cup of coffee. He had read my story on the city's yearly audit and wanted to talk about fund balances, which is the surplus money saved each year that is put away for the proverbial "rainy day."

"Why do cities have to have fund balances if they are careful to budget their expenditures for the year?" he

asked. I had to admit it was a good question, and one my boss, Mike Malott, and I had been discussing for weeks. It's also something we should look into, because every time I see John, he asks me if I've found the answer yet.

Then there are the comments that make me scratch my head with wonder. Like a recent offering from a man who believes that United Nations is responsible in some way for the downfall of public education. "Can't you see it," he asked for the fifth time, agitated because I, for the fifth time, was unable to grasp his point. "Look at how the foreign markets have surpassed ours. That's because outside influences have watered down our education process and our kids aren't learning at the rate foreign kids are at."

I thanked him for the insight, of course, pleaded for my lunch, and hastily made my way back to the office.

I usually get some criticisms as well. The other day a woman was critical of our coverage of Our Lady of Victory's expansion attempts. Although she told me that she was not a member of the parish, she was ticked off at a recent editorial on the subject and made it a point to let me know that she was going to cancel her subscription.

"A good Christian would report the story fairly," she said.

I'm still puzzled by that comment. If we're all sinners, how can we be good Christians? Oh well, I'll have to consult my parish priest on that one.

And finally there's one question that I've been asked time and time again, as I walk through the doors of this popular Northville eating establishment.

Hey Bob, what's wrong with the Wings? I don't think they make the playoffs this year.

Don't worry Joe, there's nothing wrong with our beloved Detroit hockey club, and as far as the playoffs are concerned, I think this year they're going to finally win the Stanley Cup.

Robert Jackson is a staff writer for *The Northville Record* and *The Novi News*, as well as an optimistic Red Wing fan.

Roads are top issue for the year



Phil Power

It got largely overlooked in Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech and subsequent budget, but it's my odds-on favorite for fireworks this year. It's roads and potholes in one corner, folks, and the state's community colleges and universities in the other.

Boxed in by his traditional preoccupation with burrowing his reputation as a tax cutter but at the same time well aware of the ghastly shape of Michigan roads, Gov. Engler produced some fancy budgetary footwork.

No, he won't go for an increase in the fuel tax, the traditional method of car-marking money for road repairs. (Surprise!) Yes, he proposed spending another \$70 million for roads - \$40 million for local and \$30 million for state trunklines. (Surprise again.)

Where's the money coming from? Engler didn't say in his State of the State speech, but budget director Mark Murray did when he detailed the spending plans for the \$8.5 billion general fund budget. It's coming from the 15 state universities and 28 community colleges, which are scheduled to get only a 2.5 percent increase for operations next year versus the 5.5 percent they got this year.

How did leaders in the Legislature like

the idea? Not much. Still sore at Engler for cutting adult education this fiscal year from \$185 million to \$80 million, the Democrats, who now control the House, are vowing to restore the adult ed cuts and make the universities whole.

They (together with a lot of DPW folks who are out trying to fill potholes with cold patch) think the logical way to fix roads is to quit trying to lead the general fund and bite the bullet by increasing the fuel tax.

The Engler Administration's position - shortchanging education in favor of roads - on all this looks very odd, especially if you read carefully the text of the governor's State of the State speech. One of his biggest initiatives was to propose a "statewide framework for career preparation," a term he rightly prefers to "vocational education."

Our state is experiencing an absolute shortage of skilled workers. The University of Michigan is predicting that the Big Three will hire more than 100,000 new workers in Michigan over the next five years. These "gold collar" jobs can pay as much as \$30 to \$40 per hour. Moreover, according to the governor, "they don't require a four-year college degree. What they do require is extensive training, especially in work-based education."

For years, two state representatives - Glenn Oxender, R-Sturgis, and the now retired Bill Keith, D-Garden City - worked on this topic, holding countless hearings all around the state. They got bills through the House, only to see them die in the Senate, done in by criticism from wealthy suburban parents who saw no point in

"vocational education" if their kids were all destined for college.

The governor wants to put together regional career preparation plans and develop a curriculum that links academic and technical skills and includes some time spent learning skills in actual shops and labs. He suggested a \$30 million pot to reward schools that develop such programs.

He's right. Anybody who looks at the Help Wanted section of this newspaper realizes that a local employers are desperate for skilled workers. And people are not going to get the skills to respond to these recruitment ads by studying advanced physics in ivy-covered halls.

I'm on the board of the National Center for Education and the Economy, which has been studying human investment and training issues for years. Our research has found, over and over again, that employers in Germany and Japan, our biggest global competitors, spend far more than American companies do on apprenticeship programs and on-the-job skill upgrading.

It's nice to see the governor that the state has a significant responsibility in this area. After all the work Bill Keith and Glenn Oxender did (they worked as a team though Engler mentioned only Oxender), it might just be that career preparation and skills upgrading are bipartisan issues whose time has come.

Phil Power is chairman of the company that owns this newspaper. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1880.

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Keep The Beat!

FEBRUARY IS AMERICAN HEART MONTH

City wants opponents to take walk

To the editor:
What does golf bring to mind? Golf is defined by two favorite pastimes, taking long walks and hitting things with a stick. Two favorite, fundamental activities of an unthreatened, approaching human, human being - just what Novi's present city council's wish is for its dissenting constituents. They hope we take a long walk for they have already beat on us with their big sticks on countless dissenters.

Christina Charles

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\$250,000 to \$400,000 home could have their wishes and investment ignored for the sake of creating a greater tax base. Are we to fear that any vacant lot near our homes is fair game for rezoning?

Recently, I attended a Planning Commission meeting. One of the items on the agenda was the request by a private investor to have the property at Ten Mile and Beck Road rezoned for commercial use. This individual was well aware that this parcel of property was zoned residential.

On a very positive note, the members of the Planning Commission seemed to be against changing a residentially zoned area, complying with the Master Plan. Many residents of the Ten Mile and Beck Road area attended this meeting also. Not a one wanted a zoning change.

Unfortunately, the wishes of the Planning Commission and the residents may not be fulfilled. An excellent example of unfulfilled wishes is the property at the Twelve-and-a-Half Mile and Novi Road area that was purchased by a developer. Not only did this change the Master Plan, it also went as far as to have our wetlands filled in for the benefit of the developer. It was my understanding that the Planning Commission was against this decision but this decision was overturned by the mayor and the City Council. The question to ask at this time is why? Why would the mayor and other members of the City Council make such a decision? We can only hope that our city does not go through the upheaval and burden

on this impact to the community as a whole on both of the current plans before council. This would include:

- Who would benefit mostly from each plan?
- What would be the long term financial impact on the Novi citizens of each plan?
- Can the plans be modified to include more playing fields for team sports as well as the golf course?
- Can the jogging/walking trails be incorporated into the golf course layout?

Let's support the study which will give us these answers and more. We may all learn that we can get what we all want out of this valuable community resource.

Keith Bond

Schmid's 'facts' questioned

To the editor:
On Jan. 30, I delivered to the city clerk a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking for Mr. Schmid's documentation in support of the "facts" he quoted in his letter published that week. A copy of my request was delivered to *The Novi News*. To avoid any confusion, I was very specific in what I was requesting and I cited his specific quotes and named Councilman Schmid in the direction of the research and/or documentation. The city clerk told me she may need additional time due to the nature of the request, which I agreed to grant. My use of his name also forced the clerk to contact Mr. Schmid and ask him for any information he may have had.

The response I have received states, "The public record does not

Culture shock at Dem convention



Tim Richard

Talk about "culture shock." Two meetings at the Feb. 8-9 Democratic State Convention in Detroit left this reporter reeling.

At 3 p.m. Saturday, the labor caucus met, Frank Garrison presiding. Organized labor is the biggest single bloc of delegates in the Michigan Democratic Party. Garrison often says, "Whoever labor endorses invariably wins, at least in conventions and primaries."

Delegates sit in neat, classroom-style rows. Garrison and 20 or so officers sit on a podium above them.

The labor caucus lasts one hour. Its actual business takes about five minutes. Garrison presents the nominating committee's recommendations. The nominating committee's members and standards never are revealed. The qualifications of the recommended candidates are not revealed.

Garrison calls for a motion to ratify. The motion is made and seconded. There is no discussion. There are no other nominations. All in favor - which means everyone in the labor caucus - votes aye. This year it was a state of a half-dozen party officers. Last year it was 10 education board and two Supreme Court candidates. The whole thing takes just five minutes, literally.

The rest of the hour is given to speeches

by Garrison and favored candidates. Delegates ask no questions. They sit and applaud.

I merely describe. As a journalist, I am their guest.

At 4 p.m. Doug Ross, a candidate for governor, hosts a symposium, also for an hour.

Immediately one is struck by the difference in the arrangements. The seating is horseshoe style. If you know anything about the conduct of meetings, you know that this style is more suitable to give-and-take, to audience participation. Ross has a lectern but mostly doesn't use it.

Ross states his qualifications: consumer lobbyist, state senator, work in two of Gov. Jim Blanchard's departments, work in President Clinton's Labor Department.

He talks about his vision of Michigan's economy in 2006, nearly 10 years down the road. To be precise, it's not his vision but an extrapolation of where the economy and private entrepreneurs are going plus his ideas of how to help it get there, based on input from dozens of associates.

Ross talks about workplans where "workers don't check their brains at the door." "Teams without supervisors." "Thinking, not lifting."

He turns to classrooms. "Students no longer sit in industrial rows while teachers lecture." "A new learning" that is "active not passive. It involves choices. It involves work and learning combined, and lifelong learning."

Ross allots almost half the time for audience discussion. A retired teacher suggests that retirees from all occupations

would be tapped as volunteers to help schools. Ross picks up on it and turns a phrase: "Your older workers aren't your problem, they're your solution."

A clinical psychologist, a fan of public libraries and a high school student get in their liars. The student says, "Education isn't about reciting and testing. It's about interaction."

Ross explains his agenda isn't engraved in concrete. It has evolved in the past few months. He even picks up an idea in this session that he plans to incorporate. The professor has learned something.

One is struck by the similarity between the Democrats' labor caucus and the authoritarian religious right of the Republican Party with its emphasis on reading, writing, "rhythmic, rote and religion; the respect for authority figures; the rigid division of every issue into "right" and "wrong" litmus tests.

One also is struck by the business methods that Ross, the one-time Citizens Lobby corporation basher, has learned and internalized.

To become the gubernatorial nominee, Ross will have to win the labor caucus' support. It will require more than demagoguing Engler, the Mackinac Center and Republicans in general. There is a fundamental, cultural difference between Ross and labor.

Just as there is a cultural difference within the Republican Party.

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

Council member Schmid's golf course facts questioned

exist as named." The clerk verbally told me that Mr. Schmid had no documentation in his possession to add to or to clarify his statements. The clerk's office did supply me with a copy of a letter from Dan Davis, Director, Parks and Recreation Department, stating information attached "...had been made available to the council and Parks and Recreation (Commission) for informational purposes." The documentation provided is titled "Greentips" and is distributed by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Various titles provided include: "The Facts About Golf Course Pesticides," "Golf and the Environment," "Recycling," and "Frost Delays." In a cursory review of this information, I have to question the impartiality and even the validity of a group sponsoring their own cause. I will only touch on a couple of claims from the GCSAA propaganda:

... Superintendents are widely considered to be among the best-educated and most judicious users of pesticide products. Application of these pesticides (to the greens) are not considered by the GCSAA to be harmful to golfers or to the environment, though they do cite that applicators (people) are encouraged to wear protective clothing. The info goes on to cite that superintendents get into this field because of their dedication to and concern for the environment.

Another interesting "fact" studies consistently show that a well-managed golf course can actually improve water quality on and around the facility. I wonder how much of their research can be comparable to the ecosystem involved in the North Novi area: Shawood Lake flows into Walled Lake which is the headwater of the Middle Branch of the Rouge River.

Many council members would like us to believe this golf course will enhance wildlife. Studies have shown that making a golf course from a sub-standard site and cleaning it up, will enhance wildlife. I couldn't agree more. However ... they do not address the taking of a pristine, uninhabited area and turning it into a golf course. How do we invite the wildlife to stay?

Mr. Schmid, at a joint meeting with the council and Parks and Recreation Commission, you were reminded by a resident that it is your job to provide the facts. Sir, you have not yet provided the facts that you speak of in your letter to the editor. Dare I ask? Are your facts totally based on emotion or preference? You scolded the "uneducated voting populace" at that same meeting. I think my answer from the city clerk to my FOIA request proves that you, too, are uneducated.

Please do not take this personally: I am not attacking you. I am attacking the ignorance that the council and Parks and Recreation Commission are trying to force us to accept as "truth."

James E. Korte

Says thanks to all son's friends

To the editor:

This is a thank you to a special group of young people who have touched my life, eased my pain, and shared their grief and memories with me. They are all friends of my son, David Clemens.

After David's memorial service this group of friends, all on their own, planted a tree in memory of David in front of Novi High School at the Taft Road entrance. It was truly a heart touching moment, watching those strong, beautiful, grief-stricken young people honor their friend.

Since that warm spring day they have reached out to us in so many ways. There are cards, notes, phone calls and visits. They are in pain, and yet they have been able to share themselves with me. I am comforted each time I see them.

New Year's Eve would have been David's 23rd birthday and I awaited the day with anxiety, pain and sadness. There were many phone calls over the holidays and I knew plans were in place for a special ceremony at the tree, again everything was planned and executed by the kids. We were to meet at the tree at 1 p.m.

It was a dark gray day with a cold wind that whipped through the trees, and still they came to stand together to pay tribute to their friend. They had designed a beautiful plaque and had it mounted on a special rock at the base of the tree. It was a quiet loving ceremony, and I will cherish the memory of it for the rest of my life.

Words are so inadequate, especially when trying to thank special people for their many gifts of love and support. I am truly blessed to have David's friends in my life. They are the best of the best.

I carry a copy of a poem called, "The Legacy" in my purse. There is one line that truly says it all about the way I feel about his friends: "Look for me in the people I have known and loved." — John Wayne Schlatter.

When I see those beautiful young faces and feel their love for

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each other. I see my son and know he is near.

Thanks for remembering,
Sheryl Clemens

Be careful who you support

To the Editor:
I am responding to a letter to the editor in the Jan. 9 edition of The

Northville Record/Novi News regarding UNICEF. The Vatican's decision to withhold its traditional \$2,000 donation to UNICEF is to be commended by Catholics.

While UNICEF does help to educate, vaccinate, feed and clothe children, it is also linked to organizations who work to prevent conception and promote abortion. [This from Human Life International's Father Matthew Habiger who over a year ago issued an urgent

plea that people reconsider all contributions to UNICEF.]

As practicing Roman Catholics are aware, life is a gift from God and abortion violates the fifth commandment, "Thou shalt not kill" (especially the most defenseless). It follows that the Vatican cannot support a group such as UNICEF which advocates abortion, tied in with "family planning." It's unfortunate that UNICEF has chosen to align itself with groups such as International Planned Parenthood Federation.

I know if UNICEF Christmas cards had been available at my church, several of us who are aware of the practices and beliefs

of UNICEF would have sought to stop this since it is in contrast to Catholic moral teaching.

Also, "Catholics for a Free Choice" (referenced in the Jan. 9 letter) is a bogus group. Their name alone is an oxymoron, and they are hardly "Catholic." Catholics (and others who respect God-given life) also ought to be aware that the March of Dimes, too, advocates "choice" — hence the pro-abortion mentality like UNICEF.

As Father Robert A. Sirico, president of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty in Grand Rapids stated in an article in *The Detroit News* (Sept. 15, 1996), "Don't become an acciden-

tal contributor." UNICEF has a close working relationship with International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) — the most aggressive abortion promoters.

Thank you to the Vatican, Father Habiger and Father Sirico for sharing the truth in exposing UNICEF's pro-abortion position. Catholics and others who believe in the sanctity of life, know too, that Sierra and many environmental groups espouse rabidly pro-abortion positions (as does American Association of University Women ... a main factor in me not continuing my membership). Be careful which organizations you support.
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Rocky Rachwitz, center, and the winning staff at Rocky's of Northville.

A sample of readers' comments:

"Leon's is best gathering place or non-drinkers. All Leon's wait folks very good. Also need new categories: Yuppie-Working Class."

— Richard Sandefur, Novi

"Haven't had a thing at Charley's Grill that I haven't liked. Very friendly people. Good addition to Northville."

— Audrey Smith, Northville

"Library—best place to eat and watch sporting events."

— K. O'Malley, Novi

"Seems to be the best kept secret. Gatsby's is by far the best food-wise, funwise, bargain wise. Run by great people with great employees."

— Mary Fennessey, Westland

"Little Italy has my vote for best food, service and atmosphere. There is no other restaurant so flexible in making substitutions of any kind."

— Teresa Pilarz, Northville

"Need less chain restaurants and more creative places! How 'bout Middle Eastern?"

— Lynda Racey, Novi

"Best pasta — Macaroni Grill. Best appetizer — Too Chez."

— Susan Kelly, Walled Lake

"Need category for family restaurants (you know, kid friendly menu and prices). I nominate Sundowner."

— Sue Egan, Northville

(On Emily's) "World class cuisine, quiet, pleasant French country ambience and impeccable service. An overlooked jewel in Northville's own backyard."

— Dorothy Mueller, Northville

"Northville has been fortunate to have an abundance of great eating place relative to its small size!"

— Judith and Gary Boyll, Northville

"Novi needs some special steak and seafood places. It is sad when Red Lobster wins the Best Seafood Restaurant each year."

— T. W. Ross, Novi

ROCKY'S REIGNS!

Rocky's of Northville it is. The results of the 1997 Northville Record and Novi News Restaurant Poll are in and readers responding voted Rocky's of Northville number one in the Best Overall category.

"If it wasn't for my staff I wouldn't have got there," said Charles Rachwitz, or "Rocky" as he is known to just about everyone. "The staff, management and employees is what pulled that together."

Rocky's placed in the top three in 11 out of 15 categories, six of those being first place finishes.

MacKinnon's Restaurant came in second and Charley's Deli and Grille finished third in the Best Overall Restaurant category.

In the Best Inexpensive Restaurant there were three new names in the lineup — Charley's finished first, Murphy's Restaurant second and Rocky's third.

"We try to keep a good relationship with our customers," said Issa Martha, the father of Charley's Deli owner, Charley Martha. "People are very impressed with what we do."

Dandy Gander held on to its first place position in the Best Breakfast category for the second year in a row. Charley's and Murphy's came in second and third respectively.

Readers responding to the poll this year voted Charley's as the best place to go for sandwiches, knocking Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall down to second place. Genitti's had been in the number one spot every year since the poll began in 1990.

MacKinnon's is still on top when it comes to the Best Desserts category, a position it has had for four years throughout the history of the poll.

Charley's moved to first position in the Best Coffee category, up from third the previous year. Rocky's finished second, down from first in 1996 and Tuscan Cafe also slipped one notch to third.

Rocky's still tosses a mean salad according to readers. In the Best Salad Category, Rocky's is number one for the second year. MacKinnon's came in second and Diamond Jim Bradys slipped to third in a tie with Grady's American Grill, which finished third last year.

No surprises in the Best Pizza category. First, second and third place finishers are exactly the same as last year, with Pizza Cutter in first, and Papa Romano's and Starting Gate Saloon in second and third, respectively.

The top three finishers in the Best Burgers category simply switched places. This year its Starting Gate, Rocky's and Fuddrucker's in one, two and three. In 1996, it was Fuddrucker's, Starting Gate and Rocky's.

Rocky's finished first in the Seafood category for the third year in a row. MacKinnon's took the second place from Red Lobster who fell into third place.

Border Cantina holds the number one spot in the Best Ethnic Food category for the third year. Little Italy moved up to second place this year.

New in the Best Fast Food category is Boston Market which finished first in a three way tie with Charley's Deli and McDonald's.

It's two years in a row for Rocky's in first place in the Best Soup category.

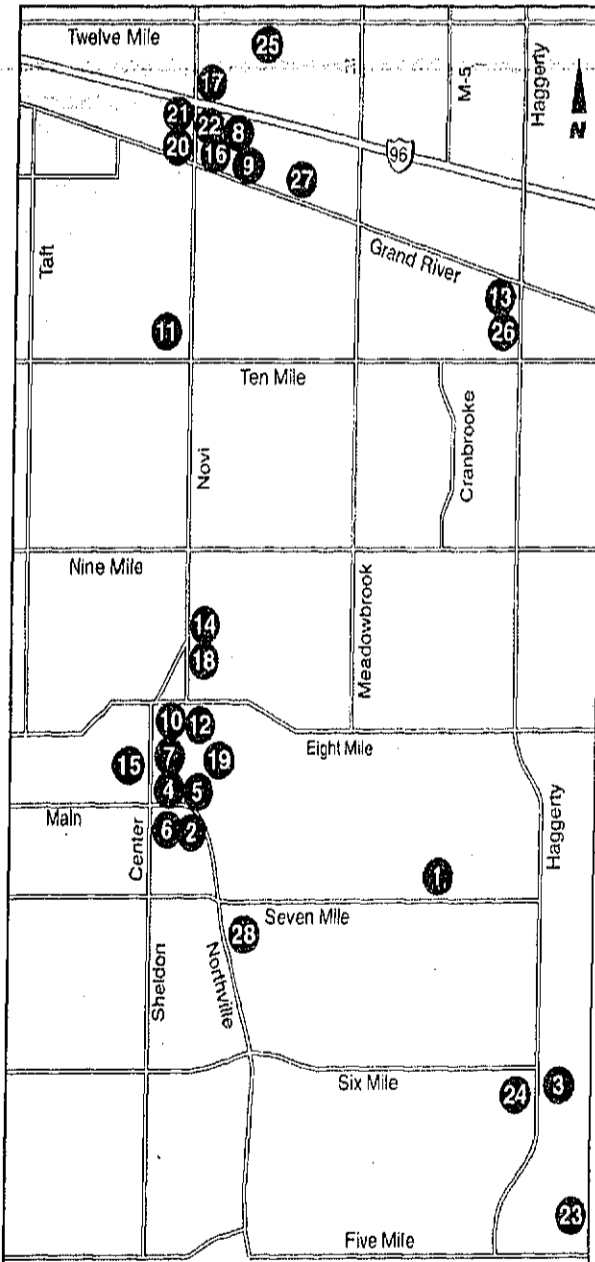
Rocky's and MacKinnon's held on to first and second place respectively in the Best Steaks category.

Rocky's finished first in the new category which was added this year, Best Gathering Place.

"I have quite a loyal group of people in the bar area," Rachwitz said. "A lot of them are there for different things like meetings."

Story by Carol Workman

Photo by John Staifer



Where to find Novi/Northville's favorite restaurants:

1. Rocky's of Northville, 41122 Seven Mile, Northville Twp.
2. MacKinnon's Restaurant, 126 E. Main, Northville
3. Charley's Deli and Grille, 16873 Haggerty Rd., Northville Twp.
4. Murphy's Restaurant, 134 N. Center, Northville
5. Dandy Gander, 333 W. Main, Northville
6. Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall, 108 E. Main, Northville
7. Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center, Northville
8. Grady's American Grill, 43350 Crescent Blvd., Novi
9. Diamond Jim Bradys of Novi, 26053 Town Center Drive, Novi
10. Pizza Cutter, 340 N. Center, Northville
11. Papa Romano's Pizza, 24289 Novi Rd., Novi
12. Papa Romano's Pizza, 117 E. Duntlap, Northville
13. Papa Romano's Pizza, 39711 Grand River, Novi
14. Papa Romano's Pizza, 21520 Novi Rd., Novi
15. Starting Gate Saloon, 135 N. Center, Northville
16. Fuddrucker's, 43150 Grand River, Novi
17. Red Lobster Restaurant, 27760 Novi Rd., Novi
18. Border Cantina, 21420 Novi Rd., Novi
19. Little Italy, 227 Hutton, Northville
20. Maisano's Italian Restaurant, 26139 Novi Rd., Novi
21. Bates Hamburger of Novi, 43410 Grand River, Novi
22. Boston Market, 43363 Crescent Boulevard, Novi
23. McDonald's, 39700 Five Mile, Northville Twp.
24. McDonald's, 39555 Six Mile, Northville Twp.
25. McDonald's, 42665 Twelve Mile Rd., Novi
26. Burger King, 39601 Grand River, Novi
27. Country Epicure, 42350 Grand River, Novi
28. Timber Creek, 18730 Northville Rd., Northville

The Winners:

Best Overall

1. Rocky's of Northville
2. MacKinnon's Restaurant
3. Charley's Deli and Grille

Best Inexpensive

1. Charley's Deli and Grille
2. Murphy's Restaurant
3. Rocky's of Northville

Best Breakfast

1. Dandy Gander
2. Charley's Deli and Grille
3. Murphy's Restaurant

Best Sandwiches

1. Charley's Deli and Grille
2. Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall
3. Rocky's of Northville

Best Desserts

1. MacKinnon's Restaurant
2. Rocky's of Northville
3. Charley's Deli and Grille

Best Coffee

1. Charley's Deli and Grille
2. Rocky's of Northville
3. Tuscan Cafe

Best Salad

1. Rocky's of Northville
2. MacKinnon's Restaurant
3. Grady's American Grill and Diamond Jim Bradys of Novi

Best Pizza

1. Pizza Cutter
2. Papa Romano's Pizza
3. Starting Gate Saloon

Best Burgers

1. Starting Gate Saloon
2. Rocky's of Northville
3. Fuddrucker's

Best Seafood

1. Rocky's of Northville
2. MacKinnon's Restaurant
3. Red Lobster Restaurant

Best Ethnic Food

1. Border Cantina
2. Little Italy
3. Maisano's Italian Restaurant

Best Fast Food

1. Boston Market, Charley's Deli and Grille, McDonald's
2. Burger King
3. Bates Hamburger of Novi

Best Soups

1. Rocky's of Northville
2. Charley's Deli and Grille
3. Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall

Best Steaks

1. Rocky's of Northville
2. MacKinnon's Restaurant
3. Country Epicure, Diamond Jim Bradys of Novi, Timber Creek, Oxford Inn

Best Gathering Place

1. Rocky's of Northville
2. Charley's Deli and Grille
3. Starting Gate Saloon

Engagements



George Arnold/Kelly Frederick

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Frederick of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Lee, to George Melwain Arnold, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Arnold of Orchard Lake.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School. Kelly graduated from Miami University-Oxford, Ohio, and is currently teaching seventh grade in the Novi Community School District.

The bridegroom-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1988. A graduate of Michigan State University, George is now an Internet marketing specialist for Online Marketing Co. in Southfield. A July wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Wellbaum of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Smith, to Paul Klemmer, son of Jerry and Martha Klemmer of Commerce Township.

The bride-elect and daughter of the late Larry M. Smith, graduated from Northville High School in 1992. She earned her bachelor's degree in education at Michigan State University in 1996, and is currently doing her internship at Hillside Elementary School in Farmington Hills.

The bridegroom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Lakeland High School. He received his bachelor's degree in accounting at Michigan State University in 1993; he is currently studying for his master's in business administration at the University of Michigan. He is employed in finance at Ford Motor Co. in Sillme.

A June 7 wedding is planned.

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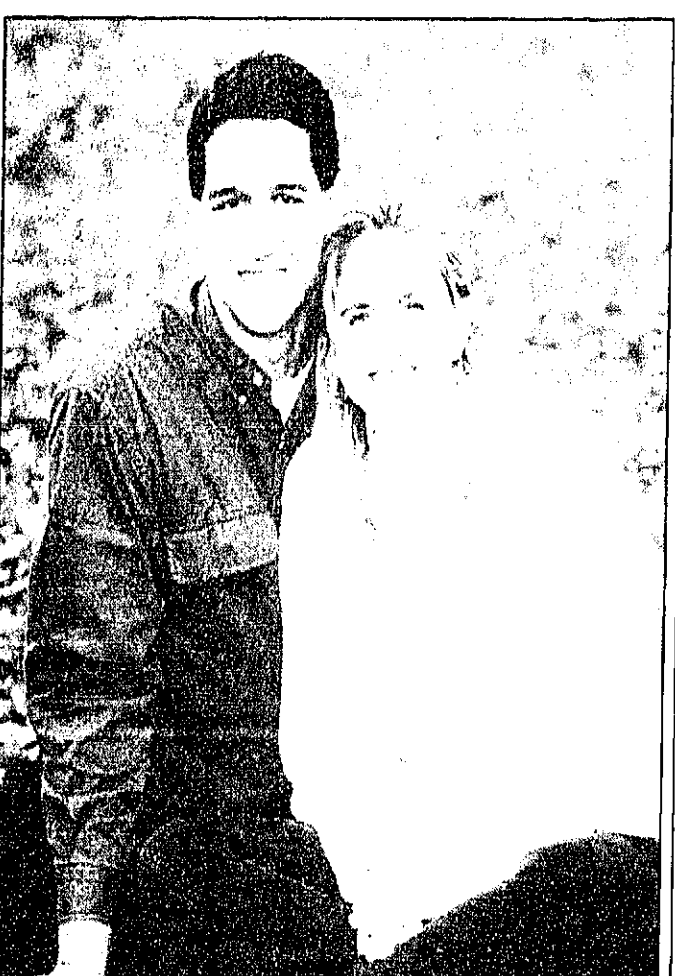
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Singles

SINGLE PLACE. An adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets for brunch at Northville Crossing at 12:30 p.m. on Sundays.

"Money Talks the Second Time Around" with facilitator Sandy Baumann will be the topics for the Single Place meeting in Ball Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 26.

Sports events for the month include bowling on Feb. 28 and volleyball on Feb. 21. Bowling is at Nov Bowl, 21700 Novi Road. The cost is \$6 plus shoes. Volleyball is held at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 W. Main Street. The cost is \$4.

Dinner and Dancing is scheduled at Memories in Brighton on Feb. 22. "How to Meet Across a Crowded Room: A Course in Basic Dating Skills" continues on Thursdays through Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 in advance and \$28 at the door. The speaker will be Lynn Vaughn.

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

HOLY FAMILY SINGLES is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons. For more information, call Church of the Holy Family at 349-8847.

SINGLE PARENT GROUP. 17000 Farmington Road in Livonia, meets the first and third Tuesday in the Calvin Room at Ward Presbyterian Church from 7 until 8:30 p.m. Free child care is available. There are activities for children and parents to enjoy every month.

The Unique Single Group for those who have never been married meets the fourth Tuesday, also in the Calvin Room, from 7 until 9 p.m. New Start, for widows and widowers, meets every other Thursday in room A-15 from 7:30 until 9 p.m. For more information, call 422-1150.

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

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

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

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Jarvela places 8th at skating nationals



KATY JARVELA

By **SCOTT DANIEL**
Sports Editor

Katy Jarvela doesn't get the press like some of her figure skating peers. Freestylers like Tara Lipinski, Michelle Kwan and Nicole Bobek soak up most of the headlines. But the Novi resident deserves a few accolades, and then some.

Like Lipinski, Kwan and Bobek, Jarvela competed in the U.S. figure skating championships in Nashville, Tenn. over the past two weeks.

She finished eighth in senior ladies' figure skating, which is somewhat different than the jumping, twisting routines people are accustomed to seeing on television.

"You draw patterns on the ice," Jarvela said of her event.

While she does a lot of diving each week to those practice sessions, the road to Nashville was just as long. Jarvela participated in a pair of competitions to earn a trip to Tennessee.

She first skated at the Eastern Great Lakes Regional Championships in Indianapolis in late October of last year. Including a top four finish in senior ladies' figure skating, Jarvela placed second.

From there it was on to the Midwestern sectional in early December. Katy placed fourth at the competition, which was held in Cincinnati.

After months of preparation, Jarvela was ready for the national finals. She got her chance to compete on Feb. 8 at Nashville Arena.

The championship was divided into three rounds of figure skating: the paragraph, counter and loop. Each featured different patterns.

The "counter" round, for example, consisted of skating three circles. The "loop" round featured a tear drop pattern, Jarvela said.

The 18-year-old took sixth in the first round, seventh in round two and eighth in round three. Katy said she wasn't too worried about where she'd finish.

"I was going to skate good figures," she commented.

Jarvela stayed in Nashville for the rest of the championships, which concluded Sunday. She said it was a wonderful experience.

As for her future in the sport, she's undecided. Jarvela will attend Michigan State University in the fall.

She could compete at the collegiate level and possibly earn a second trip to the national finals next year. But Jarvela is also considering coaching.

"If I coach I can't compete as an amateur again," she said.

While she is undecided, Jarvela said her competitive fire likely won't go away.

"Once you've been (to national finals)," she said, "you want to get back."

Eight grapplers survive district

By **SCOTT DANIEL**
Sports Editor

Novi High will be well represented at the state wrestling regional this weekend.

Eight Wildcats survived Saturday's district tournament to advance to the regional at Walled Lake Western. Taka Watanabe, Lenny Christoff, Mark Churella and Skip Becker all won district titles.

"It's the most qualifiers we've had in a long time," coach Brad Huss said. "It was a great day for us."

Dan Jilg, J.J. Balagna, Nick Simon and Jon Talbot were Novi's other qualifiers. Each of the eight will have to finish in the top four of their weight class to move on to state finals next week in Battle Creek.

"I think all of them have a shot," said Huss.

As for the district tournament, which was also held at Western High, Novi qualified in eight out of the 14 weight classes.

Jilg was the first to qualify. The 103-pounder finished third.

He beat Adam Shager of West Bloomfield in the first round then defeated South Lyon's Justin Hill 7-4. In the semi-final, Jilg, a freshman, lost Ryan Parks of Walled Lake Central 6-3.

Churella was fourth at 119 pounds. He drew a bye in the first round then beat Tim Secco of Brighton 11-5. Balagna had to injury default his final two matches.

Christoff made the grade at 130 pounds. The No. 1 seed, he pinned his first two opponents then edged Central's Dan Aubrey 5-3 for the championship.

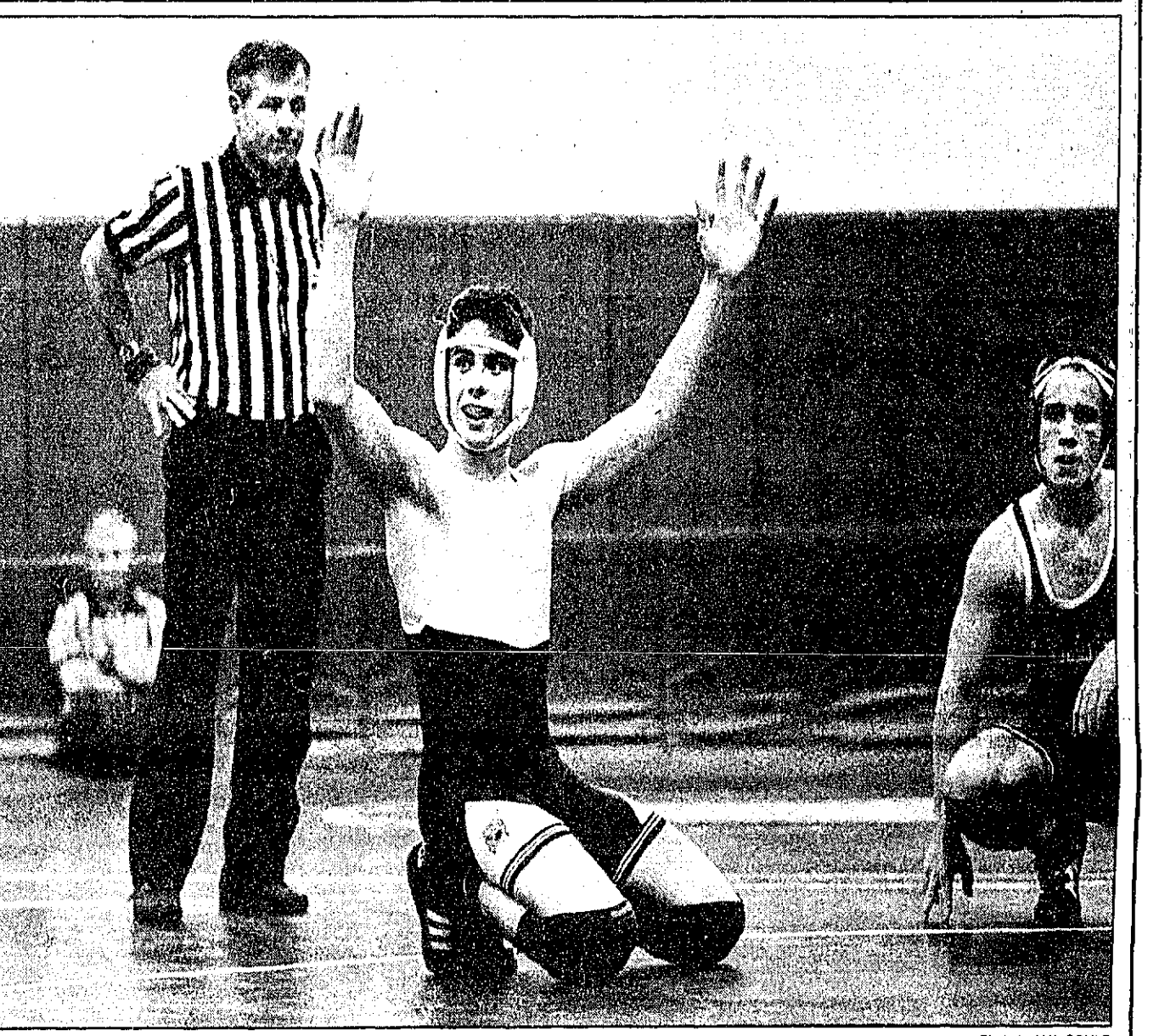
At 135 pounds, Churella drew the third seed. He drew a bye in the first round then beat Kensington Valley Conference nemesis Jason Brown of South Lyon 4-2.

"He had lost to him three times this year," said Huss.

That put Churella in the state final against James Green of Salem. He took the title by beating Green 6-4.

Huss said winning the district

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Mark Churella (left) was one of four Novi district champions Saturday. He won the title at 135 pounds.

Gymnasts keep record perfect

By **SCOTT DANIEL**
Sports Editor

The first serious challenge to Novi-Northville's No. 1 gymnastics ranking comes Saturday.

The combined team will battle Western Lakes conference rivals for the league title at Canton High. Teams like Hartland and Brighton will provide a big test for the Wildcats.

Freshman standout Missy MacRae will miss the meet. But coach Barb Winn is still confident her team can claim the championship.

"We can still do fine but everyone needs to get their heads into it," she said.

The combined team has held the state's top ranking since winning the Canton Invitational earlier this month.

Winn said it was "fun" to have that designation. But, she added, her gymnasts aren't getting big heads about it, either.

At any rate, the Wildcats easily held their top ranking by beating Clarenceville and Brighton last week.

Northville-Nov faced Clarenceville at home Thursday and took a 138.35-98.05 victory. Most of the Wildcats got a chance to compete.

"Most of the kids only did two events," Winn said.

The combined team swept all four events.

Erica Winn led the charge on the vault. She averaged 9.2 for



Nicole Pelletier executes a hand stand as Barb Winn spots.

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Cheer squad wins regional

By **SCOTT DANIEL**
Sports Editor

It's going to be a long weekend for Novi High's cheerleaders.

After performing at tomorrow night's home basketball game, the Wildcats are headed for the Battle Creek area. That's because Novi is one of eight schools to earn a trip to the state finals.

While nobody is going to get much rest the next few days, coach Kelly Trupiano said no one seems to mind too much.

"The girls have worked so hard for this," she commented. "They're an incredible group of kids. They really deserve this."

Novi earned a spot in the finals by winning its regional Saturday. The Wildcats scored 622 points to edge Brighton by four.

"It's an awesome feeling," said Trupiano.

Novi will compete against Rochester, Rochester Adams, Troy and Lake Orion, among others. Rochester High is the three-time defending state champion.

Trupiano isn't quite sure where her team will finish. But she said if the Wildcats perform their best the results should be positive.

"I try not to make predictions," she said. "I focus on how my team is performing."

"We want to improve some at each competition. If they do their best we'll let the chips fall where they may."

The competition will be held at Delton Kellogg High School, which is near Battle Creek. It will be Novi's first trip to the final.

The Wildcats closed the competition by taking 238 points out of a possible 255 in round three.



The Wildcat cheerleaders edged Brighton for the title.

"We improved in the first and second rounds. That's where we won the competition."

KELLY TRUPIANO
Novi High cheerleading coach

Novi scored 622 points out of a possible 681. The competition was divided into three rounds.

The compulsory round starts things out and features moves such as a toe touch, heel stretch and cartwheel. Novi scored 190 out of a possible 216.

Round two is called the required round. Floor mobility, vocals and jumps are featured. Novi scored 194 out of 210.

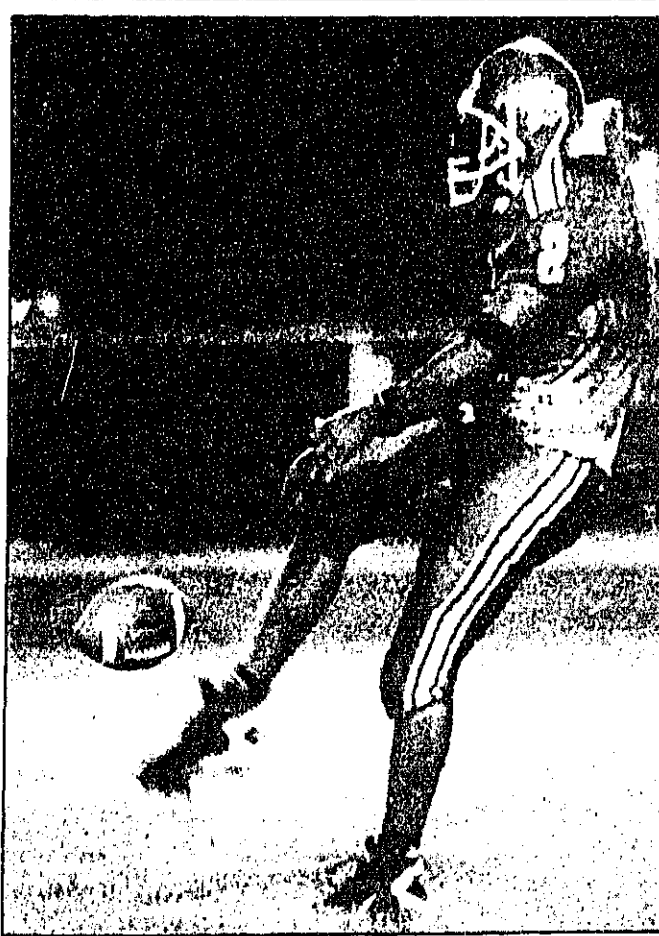
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The "open" round features tumbling skills, stunts and floor mobility. Novi posted the high score in two of the three rounds.

"We improved in the first and second rounds," Trupiano said. "That's where we won the competition."

Team members include: Christina Astley, Ann Bechtel, Melissa Dunwell, Lisa Farone, Andrea Gilgor, Julie Kennedy, Brianna Rains, Melissa Shubert, Tonya Cobb, Jackie Jankowski, LaChelle Mound, Erin Parker, Marlene Ruhl, Teresa Sheffield, Randi Shellenberger, Julie Slayton and Julie German.

Sports Notes



Jason Witherspoon had many responsibilities for Novi during his three-year career, including kicking.

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Novi High senior Jason Witherspoon will be attending Western Michigan University next fall. The Wildcats all-time leading rusher will attempt to play football for the Broncos as a walk-on. Father Ron Harrison said if he makes the squad he'll likely play defensive back and then work in as a running back.

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Novi Youth Baseball League has been a part of Novi summers for more than three decades. Thousands of youngsters have experienced the sense of camaraderie and team as well as the excitement and competition.

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Today, NYBL is alive and stronger than ever. More than 600 children from 7-18 years of age enjoy America's favorite pastime in Novi each summer. NYBL has also expanded to include travel baseball for those kids seeking baseball at a more competitive level. In fact, the NYBL team, a 12-year-old travel team, enjoyed tremendous success in 1996 by advancing all the way to the American Amateur Baseball Congress World Series in Toa Baja, Puerto Rico.

NYBL is a not-for-profit, volunteer organization. The volunteer board of directors and coaches give unselfishly of their time and talents from which they derive a great sense of satisfaction. NYBL is always looking for new volunteers to maintain its current organizational quality, and to provide vision. Anyone interested in becoming part of an organization that enriches the experience of Novi youth is encouraged to contact NYBL. Our regular scheduled meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. You may also call our president Barbara Herbst at 349-5689.

Sign ups for the 1997 baseball season will be Feb. 26, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Civic Center and March 1, noon-3 p.m., also at the Civic Center.

Howell pounds cagers by 27

Novi drops third straight

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Friday's 66-39 road loss to Howell may have been entirely avoidable for Novi High.

The Wildcats had the Kensington Valley Conference leaders down 9-4 in the first quarter and had a chance to make it more. But shots didn't go in or Novi turned the ball over.

Howell quickly melted the Wildcats lead in the second quarter and went on to win easily.

"We could've been up by 10 at the end of the first quarter," said coach Pat Schluter. "But we let them stay with us."

"We had good looks at the basket. But we either missed or traveled."

Novi led 9-7 at the end of the first period. But Howell outscored the Wildcats 22-7 in the second to take a commanding 13-point lead into halftime.

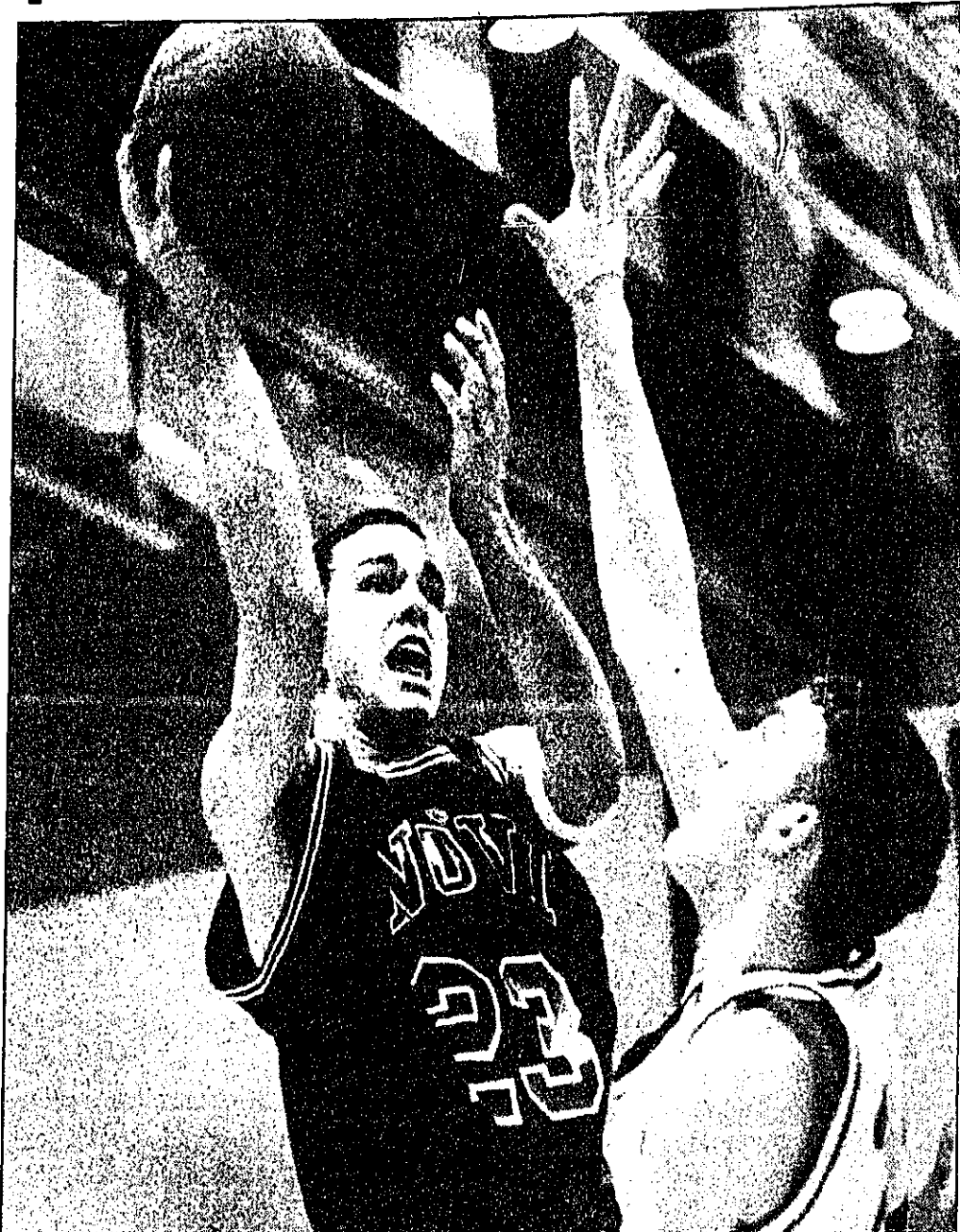
"They went ballistic," Schluter said.

Howell big man George King led the charge. The 6-foot-5 center scored 11 of his game high 23 points in the second quarter. King also had double figures in rebounds and notched five blocks.

"It went crazy," said Schluter. Kyle Kearney led Novi with 10 and Ivan Sader had six.

The loss dropped Novi to 4-5 in the KVC. The Wildcats play their last home game tomorrow night against Lakeland.

The league season concludes next week with games at South Lyon and Brighton.



Tyke Kearney led Novi with 10 points in the loss to Howell.

"We've got to win those games to finish in the upper half of the league," Schluter said. A key will be the Wildcats' morale.

Teams that are riding high can survive a run like the one Howell made against Novi in Friday's game. When you're on a losing streak, a run like that can be devastating.

"I think this game was about confidence," Schluter said. "You have to believe in yourself and your teammates."

Tankers defeat Fenton 110-76 in dual

The Wildcats swim team is back on the right track.

After suffering its only defeat of the season, Novi took revenge against Fenton Thursday at home 110-76. The Wildcats won nine of 12 events to push their record to 6-1.

Novi closed its dual meet season Tuesday after The Novi News' deadline against Pinckney.

Last week's meet with Fenton was never in doubt. Novi won four of the first five events to take a 45-33 lead. The Wildcats never trailed

in the meet.

The team of Mike Kurtli, Dan Lynch, Ken Myers and Andrew Kelly won the 200-yard Medley Relay in 1:47.42. Bill Benton, Dave Tardella, John Jones and Jack Fischer were third in 1:58.35.

In the 200-yard freestyle, John Burkhardt was first (1:58.83), Craig Kurland was fifth (2:09.5) and Eric Kramer was sixth (2:10.25). Lynch won the 200 IM in 2:12.79.

Kelly placed second in the 50-yard freestyle in 23.62 and Phil

Suchyia was third in 24.26.

Mike Alberty won the diving competition with 218.1 points. Jason Czonce was second at 190.9.

In the 100-yard butterfly, Joe McKernon was third in 1:05.4. Kelly won the 100-yard freestyle in 51.47 and Jason LeRoy was second at 52.88.

A time of 5:17.27 won the 500-yard freestyle for Kurtli. Burkhardt was second at 5:17.91 and Suchyia fourth at 5:40.77. The team of Lynch, LeRoy,

Myers and Kelly won the 200-yard freestyle relay (1:34.78). Kurtli took first place in the 100-yard backstroke with a 59.33.

Lynch and Tardella went one-two in the breaststroke with times of 1:08.57 and 1:10.25, respectively.

Nori closed the meet with a second place finish in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Burkhardt, Suchyia, Jones and Myers swam at 3:44.7.

Spikers beat Milford easily for second straight victory

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

Novi High whipped Milford in two games Feb. 10 for its second straight victory.

Coach Julie Fisetle said her team is simply gaining confidence in itself.

"We played well against Milford," she added, "and played as a team." The win boosted Novi's record to 6-3 in the Kensington Valley Con-

ference. The Wildcats host Lakeland tonight and close the league season Monday at Brighton.

"I think our goal is second place," said Fisetle, who acknowledged that Brighton would take the KVC title. "If we can finish 8-4, I think we'll be in very good shape."

That appears a likely bet based on last week's match. Novi took the opener from Mil-

ford 15-8. The game was tied at six before the Wildcats took control.

Strong hitting led the way. Sara McGlinnen, Lindsay Drury and Kristen Kearney each had numerous kill shots.

Novi also played strong defense.

"I think we're moving a little better on defense," Fisetle added. "The girls are learning each other more. They're starting to get familiar with how each other plays."

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"It was an impressive win for Novi considering one of the team's top players, Katie Copp, was on vacation. Kearney and Jenny Corless stepped in for her and did a

good job, Fisetle said.

"Katie will be missed," the coach added. "But we've got enough depth off our bench to fill in."

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Close To Everything You Love.

Dancer is ready and willing to go

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Donnell Quaker is my call. Whenever the Detroit Pistons' dance team has a boy/girl dance routine, Donnell is ready.

An eighth grade student at Meads Mills Middle School in Northville, Donnell first danced with the team a couple of months ago.

"It was a really cool experience, because I got a chance to meet the girls, got a chance to see the players, and what it's like to dance in a stadium and to be on television," Donnell said.

Tania Garratt of Novi, a member of the Pistons' dance team and a former Plaza Dance Company student, asked Donnell if he would like to try out to be an eel for the occasional guy parts the team has.

Donnell takes tap, jazz and ballroom dance lessons at Plaza in Northville Township four days a week. He switched from gymnastics to jazz when he was 6-years-old, and it remains his favorite form of dance.

"It was hard work but it was still fun," he said.

Sometimes Donnell wishes he wasn't the only boy in the dance class, but it just means he gets quite a bit of attention.

"A lot of people think dancing is just for girls," Donnell said. "I don't think so. If you like to do it and have the talent, you should go ahead."

"When you dance you get compliments from the guys too," he said. "Dancing is fun and it keeps

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-Donnell Quaker
Dancer

you in shape."

When not dancing, Donnell likes playing recreational basketball and the saxophone.

Donnell's favorite subjects are science and social studies. He is a member of the choir at school and is enrolled in the after-school forensics (acting) class.

Right now his sights are set on the performing arts, especially acting, singing and dancing.

Donnell just finished doing a show for musician Don Jones in Columbus, Ohio, where he was the youngest dancer in the show.

At present he is preparing for a solo in Starquest, a local dance competition held in March. He has competed in dance competitions in Florida and Maryland where he placed first in the solo and group categories.

Donnell lives in Northville with his mother, Tavecia Quaker, and



Donnell Quaker takes dance lessons four nights a week at Plaza Dance Company in Northville Township.

his brother, Devalughn, 20. Besides Garratt, other residents include Lisa Marie Dopierala of Novi and Jennifer Kupio Abramczyk of Northville.

Equestrians bring home the awards

By CAROL WORKENS
Staff Writer

Erin Thomas of Novi recently was awarded the Linda Sinkule Saddle Seat Equitation Trophy at the Michigan Horse Show Association's year end high-point awards banquet.

Thomas received the top award in the 14 to 17 age group category through all levels, although she rides a Morgan horse. She received the most points for saddle seat equitation riding.

Northville residents Julie and Renee Christopher also have been declared champions by both the Michigan Horse Show Association and the Michigan Justin Morgan Horse Association at the organizations' banquet for competitive field during the 1996 calendar year.

Julie, a 12-year-old seventh grade student at Cooke Middle School, was named champion for accumulating the most points throughout the year in both the 13 and under Western Seat Equitation and the 13 and under Western Pleasure divisions by both organizations, for a total of four awards.

Nine-year-old Renee, who attends Moravia Elementary School where she is in the fourth grade, competes in the 10 and under Walk Trot division. Renee was named the 10 and under Walk Trot Equitation Champion and the 10 and under Walk Trot Pleasure Champion for the Michigan Justin Morgan Horse

Association.

Horses winning awards at the Michigan Horse Show Association's year end high-point awards banquet were: in the Arabian Division - "Noble Fashion," owned by Carol Geake of Northville, in English Pleasure, Open Champion; "Hi Volt," owned by Annette Hedquist of Northville, in Country English Pleasure - Open Champion; "Granted," owned by Tammy L. Geake of Northville, in Show Hack and in Native Costume, Champions in both; Carriage Driving Division - "Burr Oak Rouge," owned by Betsy Northrup of Northville, in Pleasure Driving, Obstacles, Champion; Morgan Division - "Weather Flaxie," owned by Sandy Hettigman of Northville, in Mare Halter Reserve; "AFF Flashback," owned by Paula Messer of Northville, in English Pleasure, Open Reserve; "Sazerac," owned by Marie A. Thomas of Novi, in English Pleasure, JTR Champion; "Destiny Dutch," owned by Katalie Good of Northville, in Country English Pleasure, JTR Reserve; "Thornate Jason," owned by Maril Zhe of Northville, in Hunter Pleasure and in Western Pleasure, AADR Champions in both; "Fairhaven Federal Express," owned by Julie Christopher, in Western Pleasure, Open Reserve; "Elle Royal," owned by Thurman Autry of Northville, in Country English Pleasure, JTR Reserve; "Thornate Jason," owned by Julie Christopher, Western Pleasure, JTR Champion.

Church Notes

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, has begun the Soup Suppers on Fridays during Lent. A free will offering will be accepted with all money going to the Soup Kitchen at St. Leo's Parish. Attendees should meet in the Social Hall at 6 p.m. followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

Episcopalians and Lutherans in Novi will come together during Lent for a light supper and conversation on the proposed Concordat of Agreement between the Episcopal Church in the United States and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America at **SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 40700 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, and alternating weeks with **CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS** (Episcopal) at 46200 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

The event began on Wednesday, Feb. 19, and continues through Wednesday, March 19. The series, entitled "Public Talks," starts at 7 p.m. and will feature a meal, presentation and closing worship. For more information, please call Spirit of Christ at (810) 477-6296 or Holy Cross at (810) 349-1175.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 200 East Main Street, continues its Lenten series "Presbyterianism 101" with Pastor W. Ken Clise discussing "The Ten Commandments" on Wednesday, Feb. 26 from 7:15 until 8:30 p.m. in the Library Lounge. Babysitting is provided at \$2 per child. Sign up is necessary to adequately staff the play room.

The Congregational Life Committee is sponsoring a Soup Dinner in Doll Hall at 6:30 p.m., just prior to the Lenten series. A free-will offering will be accepted. Sign up in Doll Hall for both events. For more information, call (810) 349-0911.

THE NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, is seeking crafters for a show at the church on March 22. Persons interested in renting space should call the church office at 349-2652 for more information.

OAK POINTE CHURCH, a new, contemporary, non-denominational church, meets for a one-hour service at 10 a.m. at the Northville High School Auditorium. The opening series for February and March, "What is God Really Like?," will explore the character and relevance of God. On Feb. 23, the topic will be "Protective: He is Our Security." There will be a live band, coffee and baked goods.

There will also be children's programs for ages newborn through 11. For more information, call Bob Shircek at (810) 626-0372.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, located at 201 Elm Street behind Shopping Center Market, will hold its third Lenten Worship on Wednesday, Feb. 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The theme of the message for the evening will be "His Tears, Our Tears, No Tears."

Prior to the worship there will be a Lenten supper offered in the gym. The public is cordially invited to both the worship service and the Lenten supper. For more information, call the church at 349-3140.

Consecration of the new building at **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 777 West Eight Mile Road in Northville, will be March 9 with Bishop Donald Ott. The Sanctuary Choir, Youth Musical and Brass and Woodwinds will provide special music. For more information call 349-1144.

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Variety of talent booked at Raven

Michael Katon returns to the Raven Gallery and Acoustic Cafe for two shows on Friday, Feb. 21.

Shortly after his performance at the Raven, Katon will be leaving to go on a European tour.

Although Katon is known for his heavy roadhouse rock 'n' roll, he performs acoustic music when at the Raven. His last appearance was in October.

The songs will be blues-based, but in Katon's style, so they may not be recognizable as stemming from a blues background.

Katon prefers to write his music at three in the morning and has just produced his sixth CD called *Bustin' up the Joint*.

Katon has been playing acoustic music for about a year since he began getting bookings at cafes like the Coyote in Pontiac. He performs with his bass player Gary Rasmussen.

When not on tour, Katon settles down in a lakeside home in Hell, Mich. His hobby is fishing.

Two performances are scheduled at the Raven on Thursday, Feb. 20, when Michael King will perform his style of eclectic, adult

alternative music which features powerful rhythms and melodies. King, who will be performing with Tim Diaz, will showcase songs from his new album *Nevada*.

A highly covered producer, King has worked with such artists as J.D. Lash, Howlin' Blahs, James Wallin and David Folks.

The folk/rock group Sister Seed will perform music with positive themes for the Raven audience on Saturday, Feb. 22.

The founding members of Sister Seed, Christine Kerwin and Alicia Gbur, each develop their own original music before coming together at the end to add the lyrics and harmonies. Gbur likes listeners to absorb a variety of impressions from her music and avoids trying to explain it.

Kerwin and Gbur began performing together about nine years ago and both play acoustic guitar and sing.

The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville.

For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.



Sister Seed founders are Christine Kerwin and Alicia Gbur.



Michael Katon

Michael King

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, a public authority and body corporate, shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1997, and proposed amendments to the budget for the current fiscal year on Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Authority, 20000 W. Eight Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan, 48075-5708. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Authority.
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Movies

Plans go awry in 'Vegas Vacation'

Chevy Chase returns as Clark Griswold in "Vegas Vacation" as the Griswold family hits the holiday road straight to comic misadventure.

Nobody plans a vacation better than Clark Griswold. Loyal husband, devoted dad and full-blown family man, Clark (Chevy Chase) puts such enthusiasm into Griswold holiday outings that only the most unexpected circumstances can keep him from achieving the ultimate family excursion. Unfortunately, the only circumstances that ever seem to befall Clark are the unexpected kind.

But after braving a harrowing cross-country odyssey to deliver his family to Valley World, after foiling an international company of conspirators across Europe and

enduring the domestic horrors of staying home for the holidays, Clark has finally chosen the perfect destination.

He's selected the Promised Land where the Griswolds can enjoy their own special brand of kinship and reach certain vacation nirvana: the new family-entertainment capital of America — Las Vegas, Nevada.

But Clark didn't count on one thing. Despite Vegas' new image as a city with wholesome activities for the whole family to enjoy, its tempting underbelly still lures the unsuspecting with its glitz, glammy enchantments. And each wide-eyed member of the Griswold gang becomes seduced by the easy enticements of Sin City: Clark's eternally dotting wife,

Ellen (Beverly D'Angelo), who's never had eyes for anyone but her "Sparky," falls into the thralldom of Las Vegas himself, Wayne Newton, whose husky-voiced come-ons and seductive attentions might be just enough to transform her into an all-out, Newton-bomb of a "Wayniac."

Clark's son Rusty (Ethan Embry), still several birthdays shy of 21, becomes hypnotized by the ca-ching of the casinos and finds a way to become the city's slickest, savviest high roller.

Shy daughter Audrey (Marisol Nichols) is introduced to the promising potential of the bump-and-grind set by cage-dancing Cousin Vickie (Shir D'Yon).

And even Clark himself proves susceptible to the come-hither

siren call of the Glitter Gulch. Taunted, teased and trumped time and time again by merciless card dealer (Wallace Shawn), he falls deeper and deeper into debt, knowing that Lady Luck's coming back with the next hand...or maybe the next...well, definitely the next.

Clark discovers an unexpected ally, however, in Cousin Eddie (Randy Quaid), who's living with his wife, Catherine (Miriam Flynn), in comfortable squalor in a trailer outside the city. Finally bridging their vast differences in income, attitude, and grooming, Clark and Eddie become partners in poverty and brothers of misfortune as they conspire to hide Clark's secret soft spot for the

tables. Can the Griswolds come back together once they've tasted the high life in Lost Vegas? Before their Vegas voyage is over, they'll see and do it all: wonder at the dilapidation of a Siegfried & Roy stage extravaganza, scale the dizzying heights of the Hoover Dam, thrill at the bulbs and buzz on the Strip and indulge in the decadent pleasures of the big-ticket suites.

How could he, even with his best-laid vacation plans ever, have foreseen a set of circumstances as unexpected as these? "Vegas Vacation" is a Jerry Weintraub production ("Diner," "Oh God!,") directed by Stephen Kessler, an acclaimed comedy director on the small screen who makes his feature-film debut.

appearances are entirely effective. Charlton Heston is particularly good as the Player King, and Billy Crystal gets some laughs as the dense gravedigger. However, Gerard Depardieu seems only to be trying to get his lines out in English, Robin Williams is a distraction and Jack Lemmon seems out of place as a palace guard.

The long and winding story is painted on a broad canvas. Filmed in 70mm (and presented locally in that format), the movie has an eye-searing scope in the tradition of "Ben Hur" or "Lawrence of Arabia." Branagh takes full advantage of the format: if an army is advancing on the castle, why not show them charging as far as the eye can see? If you've got a wedding scene, why not shower it in cascades of confetti? The sweeping format also highlights the lavish, 18th century-style sets that have been created for the production.

No, there's nothing little about this "Hamlet." It's got a big running time, a big cast, a big story to tell and is told on a big canvas. And it's a big treat too.



Cousin Eddie (Randy Quaid) and Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) from "Vegas Vacation."

Entertainment listing

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

MADRIGAL DINNER: The Northville High School Concert Choir presents its Fourth Madrigal Dinner on Feb. 28 and March 1. Reservations must be made by Feb. 21. Tickets are \$25 each and only 125 people will be seated at each of the two dinners. Guests are invited to attend in character. Seating begins at 6:30 p.m. and the professional begins promptly at 7 p.m.

To make a reservation, send a check for \$25 payable to Northville High School Choir to Sharon Bondy, 45837 Greenridge Drive, Northville, MI 48167.

THE NOVI THEATRES: The Emperor's New Clothes, by Greg Atkins, will be performed by the little people players on March 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m. and on March 15 at 3 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$8 and for seniors and children under 12, \$7. Tickets purchased in advance are discounted \$1 each.

Performances are held at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. For more information, call (810) 347-0400.

COOKING CLASSES: Kitchen Glamour continues its series of cooking classes with quick, low-fat recipes with Weight Watcher's consultant Ruth Johnson.

The complete seven-course dinner and theater is \$39.95. Performance dates for the children's interactive show "Genitti's World Science" will be March 8, 15, and 22. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. followed by the show. Children are \$8.99 and adults are \$10.99.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the Performer's Showcase performances held prior to select city council meetings in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. On occasion, performances may be taped by Time Warner and cablecast to residents.

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THEATER

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILLE: Timbers, the home of Bananas Comedy Club, is located at 40380 Grand River west of Haggerty Road in Novi. For ticket information, call (313)

724-1300.

MARQUIS: Pool Visits Stargard returns to perform live on stage March 8 through April 27. The performance time is 2:30 p.m. No children younger than 3-years-old will be admitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in downtown Northville. For general ticket information and for teachers to arrange for special school performance times and rates, call the theater at (810) 349-8110.

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

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

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DANCING EYE GALLERY: An exhibition of new works by photographer Robert Zechner runs through March 13.

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ATRIUM GALLERY: The gallery currently features artist Laura Mostaghel and 50 contemporary jewelry showing earrings, necklaces, pendants, pins, rings and bracelets using sterling silver, bronze, copper, dichroic glass, semi-precious stones and porcelain.

Atrium Gallery is located at 109 N. Center in downtown Northville. Holiday hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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BACKDOOR GALLERY: Farmington's Backdoor Gallery, 37220 Eight Mile Road, specializes in unusual art dolls. The gallery is in the home of co-owner Kathy Landers. She and the other owner, Kathleen Bricker, are both artists.

Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and by appointment. Call 474-8306.

PAINTER'S PLACE: Owned by Caroline Dunphy, the gallery is located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. or by appointment. Call 348-9544 for details.

NEARBY

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE: In observance of Black History Month, the Orchard Ridge Campus will host a series of eight discussions on racism. The panel group will meet on Thursdays through March 27, from 1 until 2:30 p.m. in Room J-117 of OCC's Farmington Hills campus.

The sessions are free and open to the public. Preregistration is required.

The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 17055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills. For details, call (810) 471-7593.

MUSIC AND COMEDY CAFE: Another Way presents Christian music and comedy on Saturday, Feb. 22, from 7 until 10:30 p.m. at Grace Chapel on the northeast corner of Twelve Mile and Halstead.

Call Julie at (810) 471-5858 for tickets which are \$7.50 in advance and \$10 at the door. Hot beverages and desserts free with admission. Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

A special offering will be taken to benefit the ministry of Another Way Pregnancy Center.

'Jerry Maguire' has too much profanity

JERRY MAGUIRE
BY BECKY REYNOLDS
NORTHVILLE

OK, I'm beginning to wonder if I'm the only one with this complaint. You go see a movie. The story is pretty good. The acting is pretty good. Yet, when a friend asks your opinion you can't recommend it. The reason: excessive profanity.

In the first several minutes of "Jerry Maguire" if you wanted to count all the instances of the "F" word you'd quickly run out of fingers and toes. The story is the obligatory sex scene. This one presents sex more as an aerobic activity devoid of romance or tenderness. Of course, the writers will say that this scene reveals a lot about the characters, and it does. But, give me a break, these writers are paid the big bucks to be creative and this is the best they can do.

But, back to that ever present word it comes to "Jerry Maguire." In this movie nearly everyone uses the word — the men, the women, and even the little kids. Even cherub faced Jonathan Lipnicki, who pretty much steals every scene he's in, says it.

The sad thing is that "Jerry Maguire" is a pretty good movie. It is the story of sports agent Jerry Maguire, an ambitious and arrogant man, who late one night discovers that he has a soul. This leads him to write, copy and distribute to his fellow agents what he conceives as his manifesto. He basically wants to see people be more kind and caring toward one another. This impulsive act leads Jerry quickly to his being fired.

What follows are his struggles. Now that he's discovered his soul does he really want to change his life in response? Or, can he go back to being the same hustler he was before that discovery? Tom Cruise plays Jerry well, but

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Isn't this the same basic character he plays in most of his movies? Renee Zellweger plays the young single mother who reads Jerry's manifesto and is immediately smitten. She holds her own throughout the movie and has an innocence that is refreshing amidst the vulgarities. Cuba Gooding, Jr. is perfect as the football player who becomes Jerry's only client. His character in many ways is a mirror image of Jerry's and therefore they complement each other. Where Jerry's heart is in his work and his personal life suffers, Gooding's character's heart is in his personal life and his professional life suffers.

Other parts are well served by the huggable Lipnicki and Bonnie Hunt as Zellweger's protective older sister. The only throw away might be Kelly Preston, who plays Jerry's fiancée and the co-participant in the previously mentioned "exercise" scene. Her character helps to define the early Jerry, but if the part were eliminated you'd still be able to size Jerry up pretty well.

Finally, though, why oh why, can't we have a good adult movie without so much adolescent language. There have to be a lot of us who are bored by talking pigs and dogs who think in complete sentences. We'd like smart stories about grown-up people with real problems who don't continually use profanity. Something we can recommend without reservation.

By Brad Hundt
STAFF WRITER

Movies based on Shakespeare plays have been particularly plentiful within the last year or so — we've been treated for subjected, in some cases) to productions of "Othello," "Twelfth Night," "Romeo and Juliet" and two versions of "Richard III."

But leave it to Kenneth Branagh to make the cream of the recent Shakespeare crop. The 36-year-old actor/director is largely credited for making Shakespeare bankable with his robust takes on "Henry V" (1989) and "Much Ado About Nothing" (1993). Now, he has created an equally energetic rendering of "Hamlet," perhaps Shakespeare's most-famous tragedy.

Transferring the whole play to the screen, "Hamlet" is a long haul to be sure (it clocks in at over four hours, including an intermission), but it's never a dull journey. The inclusion of all the scenes and characters makes for a richer "Hamlet," with the story taking on greater contours and shades of

gray. Yes, even Laurence Olivier's fine 1948 screen version of "Hamlet" seems like a cruise through Cliff's Notes compared to Branagh's megaton opus.

For anyone who snoozed through high school or college literature classes, a brief recap: Hamlet, the prince of Denmark, is in one deep existential trough, following the death of his father, the King, and the hasty marriage of his mother Gertrude to his uncle Claudius. Hamlet eventually discovers that Claudius murdered the King, which sets Hamlet on a course of revenge. If only he can make up his mind to do the deed and kill Claudius. If all this wasn't enough, the army of King Fortinbras of Norway is advancing on the kingdom.

Branagh's performance of the title role is as vigorous as his direction. He Hamlet is no one-time brooder. He travels up and down the emotional scale with great skill, and endows Hamlet with a physically previously unseen in any of the other screen versions of "Hamlet." There are a

few points where Branagh teeters on the edge of haminess and flamboyance, but manages to avoid falling over.

Another revelation is the performance of Derek Jacobi as Claudius. Something of a Branagh regular the appeared in "Henry V" and "Dead Again," one of Branagh's non-Shakespeare works, he gives the usurping King a three-dimensional cast unseen in previous screen "Hamlet's." Instead of being a cardboard villain, Jacobi makes him cunning and, occasionally, worthy of our sympathy. Another surprise is Julie Christie's sharp work as Gertrude, with the 1960s ingenue gracefully slipping into a middle-aged role. Kate Winslet also impressively conveys Ophelia's steep descent into madness.

There is also a parade of celebrity cameos in "Hamlet." I was afraid this would become a gimmicky distraction on the level of those Biblical epics like "The Greatest Story Ever Told," but, fortunately, that is not the case. However, that's not to say that all the

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Plan periodic health exams

Picture this scene: A grandmother sitting in a garden next to her daughter. With a smile on their faces both of them watch a little girl playing with her tops. All of a sudden the grandmother clutches her chest, starts getting short of breath and falls to the ground. The once serene setting is now full of chaos. The emergency crew arrives, stabilizes the grandmother and rushes her to the hospital.

This situation is sad but very real and is a daily occurrence all over the world. Could it have been avoided? Maybe, if the grandmother had visited a doctor for regular medical check-ups. However, the majority of the population would probably disagree. Why should a person go to the doctor when she's absolutely healthy?

Three expert panels have evaluated the full range of preventive services in non-pregnant adults: the U.S. preventive Services Task Force, the Canadian Task Force on the Periodic Health Examinations, and the American College of Physicians.

The periodic health examination consists of a complete history and physical examination to gather information about a patient's risk of a particular disease. The following recommendations are for adults who are at low risk for dis-

ease, in other words "healthy" individuals.

Blood pressure measurement should be done at every medical visit and at least once every two years to identify and treat people with hypertension, thereby reducing the risk of stroke and coronary heart disease. An annual breast exam is recommended for women over 40, coupled with a baseline mammogram between 35-40 years old and yearly after 50 years of age.

Total serum cholesterol should be measured every five years starting from early adulthood. The five-year interval can vary according to the individual's risk factors.

An annual pelvic exam and pap smear for sexually active women beginning at the age of first intercourse is highly recommended. However, the frequency of screening depends on the risk factors for cervical cancer (early onset of sexual activity, multiple partners). If the results have all been normal, screening may be stopped at age 65.

An annual influenza vaccination for 65 and older populations is recommended, as well as a one-time pneumonia vaccination. Tetanus immunization should be updated every 10 years. Hepatitis B immunization should be

given to high-risk individuals (health care personnel, people with low immune system). Screening for colon cancer and for hormone replacement therapy for postmenopausal women are recommended but should be individualized based on the presence of risk factors.

For men, a rectal exam to check for prostate cancer and an annual PSA blood test should begin at age 50. And, last but certainly not the least, is counseling - for nonsmokers to continue avoiding tobacco and for smokers to stop smoking.

In addition, wear seat belts at all times and limit alcohol use.

In conclusion, an annual checkup involves a complete history and physical exam with additional testing to identify risk factors, avoid complications, and promote a healthier life. Avoid what happened to the grandmother at the above scene. A healthy future is in your hands.

This article was written by Lorice Escote M.D., P.H., Women and Children's Center. This article was coordinated by the office of planning and marketing at Providence Hospital.

Health Notes

Local health club to host activity day

Activity Day

The Water Wheel Health Club is hosting "Physical Activity Day" Friday, Feb. 21, to raise the awareness of the recent Surgeon General's warning on the negative effects of physical inactivity.

Anyone over 18 years of age is welcome to a free day at the club, as well as a free T-shirt. Hours are from 5:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. The club is located at 235 E. Main St. in Northville. For more information, call (810) 449-7634.

Prime Time Support Group

A forum for women ages 40-60 on March 12 will discuss issues and concerns dealing with mid-life changes. A Botsford physician will speak on perimenopause issues.

It's free and meets at 7-8:30 p.m. at Botsford General Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., 3-West, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

Prostate Support Group

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, this support group provides both encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatments and the physical and emotional issues associated with it.

It meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. and it's free. Sessions take place in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

ABCs of Weight Loss

A registered dietitian will work with you individually for three months to set up a realistic weight loss plan, organize your appetite and discuss the best strategies for weight loss. There is a \$95 fee and an appointment is required.

Call Botsford's Health Development Network, (810) 477-6100, for more information and to register.

CPR Classes

Adult, infant/child CPR instruction is offered by Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, in Southfield. There is a \$20 fee. BCLS is offered for \$25.

For more information and to register, call (810) 356-3900, ext. 255.

Aerobic Weight Training

This consists of a one-hour workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. It meets for seven weeks, Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. There is a \$50 fee. Preregistration is required.

For more information and to register, call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River, at (810) 473-5600.

Asthma Education

Individual sessions with a registered nurse provide the tools to a better understand of asthma. Day and evening sessions are available. Families are welcomed.

There is a \$25 fee and appointment required. For more information and to register, call the Botsford Health Development Network on Grand River at (810) 477-6100.

Kidney Disease Management

Learn about urinary tract infections and kidney stone disease. This one-time lecture, presented by a Botsford General Hospital urologist, will provide useful information to prevent problems and stay healthy.

It will be held at 7 p.m., March 25. Admission is \$5. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, call (810) 477-6100. Stress Management

Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce is offering "Personal Stress Management," a two-hour program designed to heighten stress awareness and provide tools that will convert daily stressors into positive energy.

The program will be held on Monday, March 3, from 7-9 p.m. at the hospital. There will be a \$40 fee.

For more information or to register, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500 by Feb. 28.

Medication Review

Huron Valley is offering a seminar entitled "Brown Bag Medication Review" on Tuesday, March 11, at 2 p.m. in its Conference Center.

Bring your current medications and a pharmacist will review them with you. Safe use of medications, including over-the-counter drugs, will be discussed.

To register, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500 by March 10.

Infant/Pediatric CPR

Providence is offering a course for those over 12 years old who are interested in learning basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, household safety tips, CPR and choking rescue skills for infants and children 1 to 8 years old.

This course includes: lecture, demonstration, mannequin practice and video review. Participants will be given an opportunity to ask highly-skilled medical professionals questions throughout the course. The series will take place at the following locations on the following dates. There will be a charge for participants. For further information call 1-800-968-5595.

• Feb. 24 - Providence Women's and Children's Center, 33133 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills.

Baby Basics

Providence is offering a workshop entitled "Baby Care Basics." The lecture is designed to help parents understand the changes that occur when a new baby is brought home.

Participants will discuss concerns about how to adapt to life with a new baby and the class will provide practical information about bathing, feeding, safety and health care. Time will be made available for participants to get answers to specific questions.

The workshop is scheduled at the following locations on the following dates:

• March 1 - Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, Novi

There is a charge of \$20 per couple to attend and advance registration is required. Call 1-800-968-5595.

Breastfeeding Prep Class

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering a breastfeeding preparation class to expectant mothers who plan to or are considering breastfeeding their babies. This two-hour class provides information and encouragement to participants and will provide a forum to have specific questions answered by medical professionals.

Classes will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the following locations and on the following dates:

• Feb. 25 - Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield

A small fee is charged for this class. Call 1-800-968-5595 for further information.

Prostate Screening Day

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will offer a free prostate screening day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, in the St. Mary Hospital pavilion. This free program includes a prostate exam by a physician, blood test to measure the prostate specific antigen level and educational material.

Advance registration for this important health screening for men is requested by calling (313) 655-2922 or call toll free at 1-800-

494-1650.

Blood Pressure Checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, located at 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain this free service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For further information, contact (810) 380-4225.

Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Appointment is required. For more information, call: North Oakland, 858-1311 or 858-4001; South Oakland, 424-7066 or 424-7067.

Prostate cancer support

Offering knowledgeable speakers each month, the prostate cancer support group provides both encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatments and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. It meets the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Botsford's 2 East A Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. Call (810) 477-6100 for additional information.

Pager rentals

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering "baby beeper" rentals to help labor partners stay in touch during those critical last weeks of pregnancy.

Rentals are available through Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, and Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River Ave. in Novi. Pagers can be rented for one or two months at a time at a cost of \$30 for one month and \$40 for two. A security deposit is required. Call (810) 424-3332 for further information.

Cholesterol/vision screening

Total cholesterol screening is conducted by the fingerstick method from 1-4 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Botsford Center for Health Improvement-Health Development Network, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. There is a \$5 fee. For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

Walking clubs

Botsford General Hospital sponsors two free walking clubs. One is at Laurel Park Mall (Six Mile and Newburgh) at 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Free blood pressure checks are provided by Botsford for walkers on the fourth Monday of every month.

The other club meets at Livonia Mall (Seven Mile and Middlebelt) 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

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