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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi Police Department Dispatch operator Donna Cerretani runs the switchboard on a recent Friday afternoon shift.

The dispatch squad

Telecommunicators handle emergencies, stress

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It's the real command center. Blinking lights and green computer screens illuminate the dimly lit room. Cops walk in and out, picking up paperwork, exchanging stories. Radio transmissions at a continuous buzz keep the room without windows to the outside world alive.

It's the dispatch center at the Novi police station where calls for help first arrive. It's the first step in putting out a fire, helping a choking victim stay conscious, or stopping a burglary in progress.

It's also the most crucial step. "If you're not calm, nine times out of ten the people screaming at the top of their lungs can't stay calm or the situation gets worse," said Novi dispatcher Tim Walton. "Then you don't do them any good."

Walton and six other dispatchers take the 9-1-1 calls, police and fire calls not only for Novi but also for South Lyon and Wixom. They also dispatch fire calls for Lyon Township. The staff is short five dispatchers, while they wait for trainees to finish the three to four months of training required for the job. "There's big turnover because of the stress,

because of the conditions we work under," explained Donna Cerretani, who has 15 years' experience with Novi. "A lot of it has to do with not being able to leave."

A pair of dispatchers work eight hours a day and rarely have the opportunity to grab a burger and fries, or run an errand on a lunch hour. Their job keeps them in the large room full of computer, telephone and radio equipment.

"You generally don't get to leave for lunch or dinner, so most of the officers are good about asking if we need anything," Cerretani said.

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HEARINGS SET

The Novi schools Infrastructure Committee will hold two special public hearings for all Novi school district residents to attend.

The committee is seeking community input about the playground, parking and athletic facilities at the various schools.

Meetings are scheduled for: Monday April 21 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Village Oaks Clubhouse and Tuesday April 29 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Novi Public Library. Call the Educational Services Building at 449-1200 for more information.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

A Novi school district committee is recommending nearly \$5 million in improvements to the districts playgrounds, parking and athletic fields.

The Infrastructure Committee consisting of eight district residents visited the various schools and conducted surveys and interviews with teachers, parents, students and administrators during the last few months.

The findings were presented to the Novi schools Board of Education April 10.

Assigned by President Ray Byers and headed by Trustee John Balagna, the committee was to inspect the safety, quality and needs of the various buildings.

What it found were some unsafe conditions at the elementary playgrounds, a lack of parking at many of the schools, and the need for updates at the athletic fields.

Trustee Julie Abrams credited the committee with understanding the need for adequate playground facilities.

"Learning does not stop when you leave the building," she said.

"We do such wonderful things

within the schools we have to start maintaining our outside structures," Abrams added.

The basic needs for all the playground improvements included

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Tom Marcus honored with DSA



Tom Marcus

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Twelve years ago, when Paul Bauman bought the building for his Grand River Avenue business, Reid Lighting, people advised him to meet Tom Marcus.

"Everyone told me the first thing you should do is have coffee with Tom Marcus. I thought he was the mayor or a council member. He knows everything that is going on in this city," Bauman said.

"He likes to do things for people. He gets the ball rolling for everyone."

Saturday, Marcus - who's nicknamed "the unofficial mayor of Novi" - was the 25th recipient of the Novi Jaycees annual Distinguished Service Award, presented after breakfast at the DoubleTree

Frazer Staman was awarded *The Novi News* Lifetime Achievement Award Saturday. The story appears on page 18A.

Hotel.

In accepting the honor, Marcus said it belonged to his wife, Thelma, as much as it did to him.

"You people are the greatest. This town is the greatest. I've loved it forever and I will forever," Marcus said.

Food and serving it to people plays a big role in Marcus's volunteer work. First there's the hamburgers. For over 20 years, a

week before Christmas, Marcus, 60, dishes up some 2,000 Marcus hamburgers to anyone who stops by.

He started the tradition when he owned Marcus Glass on Novi Road. Since he sold out to Harmon Glass in 1990, the firm's allowed him to continue handing out those burgers on site.

He uses a secret recipe inherited from his grandfather, who drew baseball greats like Babe Ruth to a hamburger stand near Tiger Stadium.

Then there's the Ice Cream Social, held at the Novi Civic Center during the Michigan 50s Festival. As a founder and leader of the Downtown Merchants Association, Marcus organizes the 10-year-old celebration that lures

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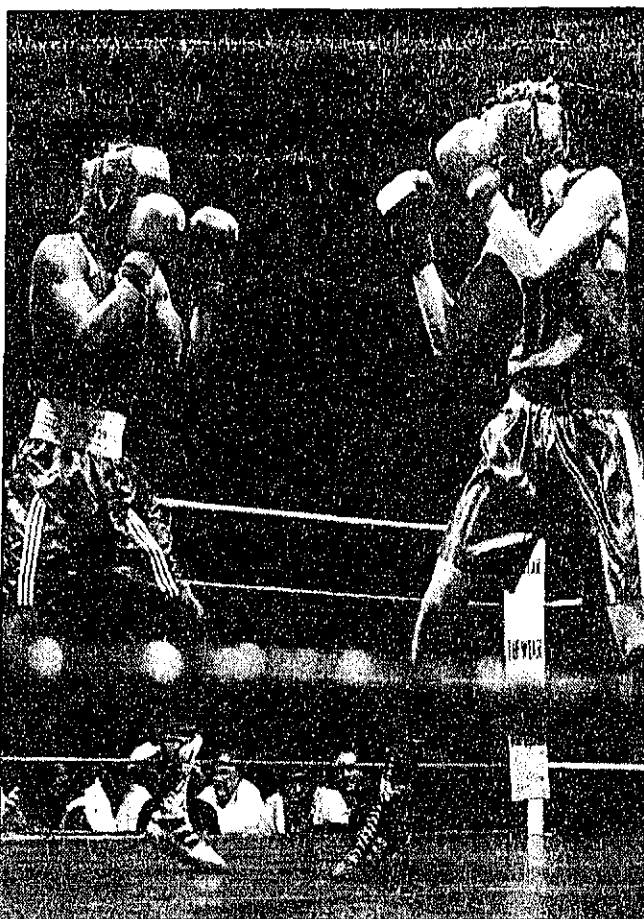


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Event is a knockout

Carefully watched by a referee, two boxers in the 165-pound, open division square off Saturday evening in the Golden Gloves exhibition bout at Novi High. More coverage of what is becoming an annual event in Novi appears on page 10B.

Prosecutor to appeal lowered CSC charge

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Daniel Crippen stands accused of sexually assaulting a 22-year-old woman as she slept on the couch in her apartment last summer.

According to the charge, Crippen entered the apartment through an unlocked door, stripped off her clothing and then accosted her, including digital penetration, while her boyfriend slept in the other room. Crippen allegedly covered his head with a shirt, and the woman said she believed he was her boyfriend.

In a preliminary examination of the case last week, 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie bound Crippen over for trial in Oakland County Circuit Court, but not until he reduced the charge from third degree criminal

sexual conduct to fourth degree CSC.

Assistant prosecutor John Reiser said he is angry about that decision and now plans to file an appeal.

"We feel the judge erred in not binding it over on the CSC 3," said Reiser. "It's inconsistent in this case. How he found coercion on fourth degree and not third degree. I don't understand."

MacKenzie heard additional information from defense and prosecuting attorneys April 8 and determined there wasn't substantial proof the man forced the woman to take part in the act.

The woman's own testimony that she went along with the assault for a period of time because she felt the man was her

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Daniel Crippen faces the judge in 52-1 District Court.

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Thursday, April 17

Novi schools

The Novi Schools Board of Education will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. at Novi Woods Elementary School.

Walled Lake Schools Board of Education

The Walled Lake Schools Board of Education meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 850 Ladd Rd., Walled Lake.

Optimist Club

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

Saturday, April 19

Presumer Party

The Walled Lake Eagles 3492, 1721 Glenway Rd., Walled Lake, are hosting a pre-summer party featuring a ham and scalloped potato dinner at 6 p.m. and dancing by the "Blue Midnight" band from 8 p.m.-midnight. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. The public is invited. For additional information, call 624-7933.

Monday, April 21

Cholesterol Screening

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

Arts Council

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

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 and in the Novi Civic Center from 7:30-9 p.m. in conjunction with the Novi City Council meeting.

TOPS

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

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

Tuesday, April 22

ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel (between Seven and Eight Mile Rd., 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 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 information call (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 Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Tollgate to add herd of sheep to its Novi farm

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

If you're having trouble sleeping and need to count sheep, you won't have to rely on your imagination.

Shorttime in the second week of May, as many as 100 very pregnant ewes will be lumbering off trucks and into the pastures of the MSU Tollgate Education Center.

"Big, white woolly rocks," said Roy Prentice, Tollgate farm manager.

"They're really going to be a very fun thing. It'll be a nice addition to the Novi community."

Next to arrive at this outdoor nursery will be a guardian for the mothers and anywhere from 100 to 200 lambs, but don't expect a sheepdog. It'll be a llama or doxie.

White sheep grazing on rolling green meadows seems more like a scene from rural Ireland than the congested center of Novi.

The idea is to help small farmers within Livingston and Oakland counties - some with as few as five to ten acres - learn basic pasture and sheep management strategies.

"We are going to demonstrate different kinds of animal management and techniques which will be of value for many pastures," Prentice explained.

While sheep may be organic lawn mowers, the way to do this is keep them moving, he added. They also aren't picky about what greenery they eat, so potential sheep owners are advised to fence them out from prized gardens and saplings.

A small farmer can run about three ewes with lambs per acre.

Prentice said.

At Tollgate, portable electric fences will be shifted throughout the farm's acres. As research, the sheep will be fed various types of feed and pasturage.

Sheepfarmer Dave Johnson of Howell is helping Tollgate gather its flock. MSU Extension Agent Jaure Endsley, who is stationed in Livingston County, and MSU veterinary professor Dr. Joe Rook have been planning the project for the past year.

While potential farmers may be few within Novi these days, everyone will be able to escape from urban stress by watching the sheep grazing in the grass. Tollgate is at the northwest corner of Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook roads.

Prentice said visitors will be welcome and information on the project will be available.

That's one reason a guard dog won't be on the job, it might be a little too gruff with people. Donkeys and llamas also share that protective instinct but are a little more laid back with humans. Either type of four-legged security cop will fend off any stray dogs eying the lambs.

"They basically leave people alone and there's a high cute factor," Prentice said.

For domestic stock, Tollgate already has two draft horses, originally from Greenfield Village, to pull wagons for hayrides. Some summers, beef cattle are sent down from MSU to savor the local grass at Tollgate.

The 160-acre farm is also a magnet for locals like deer, woodchucks and geese.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Changing signs

Novi Realtor Jamey Kramer rips down the old sign, and proudly puts up his street sign at the Novi Civic Center. Kramer bought the right to put his name on the street sign, when he bid \$4,500

at the Novi Chamber of Commerce charity fundraiser last month. The new sign went up last week. The street name is sold at the Chamber auction each year.

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By John DIMORA

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With this change, a married couple filing their taxes jointly would pay capital gains taxes only on that portion of home sales profits that exceeds \$20,000. Single taxpayers, heads of households, and married persons filing separately could exclude up to \$250,000. The exclusion would be available for all sales of homes occurring on or after January 1, 1997. Homeowners could use this tax-free provision every two years. Congressional action on the budget is expected in late summer or fall of this year.

The current \$125,000 one-time tax-free exclusion for homeowners aged 55 and older would be eliminated. This exclusion would also replace the traditional rollover rules that require a person to buy a replacement home of higher or equal cost within two years of the sale.

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The top of a Dunkin' Donuts bar stool was recovered from a group of four teenage boys who took off with it April 12.

According to the report, the four West Bloomfield teens took the top off the stool while in the donut shop and left it in a Nissan Quest about 2 a.m. The manager told police if the boys returned the stool, there would be no prosecution.

Novi officers alerted area police and the boys were stopped by Farmington Hills police a short time later. They returned the stool and the stool to the shop, where they apologized for their behavior, police said. They were told not to come back.

Police News

ALARM ARREST
A 47-year-old Milford woman was arrested April 10 after she was seen taking five bathing suits from Lord & Taylor.

According to the report, a security officer watched as the woman took the suits into a dressing room and tucked them into her pants and into a purse. Police said the woman then stopped at a register to pay for a Barbie necklace her 4-

LAUNDRY LIFTED
Unknown suspects stole \$8,000 worth of linens from the Hotel Barometre, April 1.

Police said the hotel discovered towels, robes, sheets and pillowcases missing from the storage locker but there was no sign of forced entry.

BAD LUCK BIKE
A BMX bike was stolen from a storage shed on Rousseau for the second time this year. According to a police report, the 96 Free Agent silver and purple bike was missing one tire but was found missing April 6. The first time the bike was stolen it was found in a nearby field.

MARIJUANA FOUND
Novi Police arrested a 19-year-old Northville woman for drunk driving after an officer followed her

the outstanding warrants.

meeting for volunteers, they are encouraged to attend. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

People who have already signed up to volunteer will receive a confirmation telephone call within the next few weeks. If you haven't yet signed up as a volunteer and you'd like to do so, fill out the form and send it to: Novi Parks and Recreation. Attention: Karen Leppanen, Playscape Volunteer Coordinator, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375. If you have any questions about volunteering for the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape, call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 and leave a message.

Or phone in your response to the Novi Parks & Recreation at (810) 347-0400

FIREFARMS FOUND
Police recovered a .22 caliber rifle and ammunition from a home on Ferhoulde after it was gutted by fire April 11.

Police were called in to assist in the fire and surveyed the home for damage. Much of the home was destroyed however police found the gun and a can of change in the southern portion of the home.

Pro park pool
While residents of some neighborhoods adjacent to Power Park have come out against using that park as a site for a proposed community pool, 35 homeowners from Royal Crown Estates recently wrote the Novi City Council that they like the idea.

The city had earlier heard from the Taft Road subdivision's homeowners association that Royal Crown Estates opposed the location. Not everybody thinks that, the 35 residents said.

They indicated they favor the proposal as a central location for a pool, provided that the site is adequately landscaped, membership is restricted to Novi residents and their guests, and the traffic flow is minimized.

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Novi Briefs

Ground breaking

The Novi Community School District has scheduled a ground breaking ceremony for the new Novi Middle School for April 22 from 3 to 4 p.m. at the northeast corner of Wixom Road and Eleven Mile. For further information, call the Novi Middle School at 449-1250.

Treed

Novi residents are invited to join Mayor Kathleen McLellan and the City Council for an Arbor Day celebration on Monday, April 21 at 7 p.m. The event at the Novi Civic Center will feature tree planting around the civic center's flag pole.

For the sixth year in a row, Novi has received the national recognition of Tree City USA by the Department of Natural Resources. And for the third year, the community has also won the Tree City USA Growth Award. Both of these honors signify "commitment to careful and continuous management of trees and forest resources in the community."

Helping out with all that careful management is the Novi Beautification Commission, which has donated the trees for the ceremony.

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Join in Volunteer Week by signing up for Playscape work

By KAREN LEPPANEN

National Volunteer Week, April 13-19, 1997, is an opportune time to say thank you to those people who volunteer their time to make our community a better place. It's also a prime time for the residents of Novi and their friends to sign up for the largest community volunteer event Novi has ever experienced - the building of the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape, June 11-15.

With less than eight weeks until construction begins, organizers are looking for a few good men and women (enough to fill 2,400 four-hour shifts) to help build the playscape. Both skilled and unskilled laborers are needed, as well as people to prepare and serve food for workers and to care for worker's children during the hours of construction.

A skilled laborer is someone who can comfortably operate a circular saw. If that doesn't describe you, there are many other construction-related jobs such as sanding, shoveling, and assisting with carpentry jobs. There's a job for everyone.

The equivalent of 2,400 people volunteering four hours each are needed to build the playscape. Volunteers can sign up to work for one hour, a four-hour shift, a day, a weekend, or for the duration of the construction project. The project is also one that groups of people can join together - businesses, community service organizations, churches, sports teams, and neighborhood associations, to name just a few. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Children age 10 and over can work on the site. Children 10-13 must work alongside a parent. Childcare is available for

meeting for volunteers, they are encouraged to attend. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

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SIGN UP FOR PLAYSCAPE

Yes! I want to be a part of building the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape, Novi's largest volunteer project. Check the areas in which you would like to work:

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MONDAY, APRIL 7

Medical, 40631 Rock Hill, 7:19 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 42131 Gladwin, 9:14 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 31119 Centennial, 9:33 a.m., Squad 2.
Fuel spill, 39609 Thirteen Mile Road, 12:21 p.m., Engine 2.
Fuel spill, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 3:38 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 4:22 p.m., Squad 3.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Medical, 24985 Haggerty, 7:53 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 21207 Glen Haven, 8:18 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 45285 Grand River, 2:51 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 42850 Thirteen Mile Road, 3:48 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.
Gas leak, Heartstone, Lot 34, 5:34 p.m., Engines 1 and 2.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:52 a.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Grand River and Novi, 11:55 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 22502 Mansion, 12:11 p.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:19 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 39595 Ten Mile Road, 7:54 a.m., Squad 3.
Investigation, 24003 Heartwood, 10:54 a.m., Squad 4.
Fire alarm, 24505 Meadowbrook, 11:01 a.m., Engines 1 and 3.
Medical, 22502 Mansion, 11:15 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 26425 Novi Road, 12:02 p.m., Squad 1.
Field fire, 22296 Worcester, 2:24 p.m., Engine 3.
Building fire, 25425 Trans-X, 4:02 p.m., Engines 1 and 3.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

Medical, 45182 West Road, 1:25 a.m., Squad 2.
Mobile home fire, Ferhoulde and Marja, 4:19 a.m., Engines 1 and 4.
Medical, Sears-Twelve Oaks Mall, 11:29 a.m., Squad 1.
Wire down, 41325 Ten Mile Road, 12:56 p.m., Engine 3.

SAUNDAY, APRIL 13

Investigation, 21090 Haggerty, 1:27 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 39626 Blakeston, 1:48 p.m., Squad 1.
Rubbish fire, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 2:09 p.m., Engine 1.
Car fire, 21512 Novi Road, 7:10 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 22747 Clearwater, 11:06 p.m., Squad 3.

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Novi K mart undergoes total renovation

By WENDY PIEMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

You can still get your hot pretzel and a frozen coke.

But much of the Novi K mart in West Oaks Shopping Center has changed.

"K mart needs a positive edge," said Eric Johnson, a 16-year manager at the store.

So, the company invested in more lighting, a coat of fresh white paint, a reorganized floor plan and a fresh attitude.

"We've got some real outstanding employees in the store serving customers," Johnson explained. "They're really dedicated."

Gone is the pharmacy, the auto service center and the cafeteria. Instead, the whiter, brighter store features an expanded home section with a special interior decorating line by home decorating guru Martha Stewart.

In addition, a section called The Pantry features more food items, milk, cold prep, bread, canned goods and household products.

Entire sections of the store are relocated. The Kidsworld department featuring kids clothing is near the front of the store, as is the home decorating section. Make-up and jewelry is located near women's apparel.

The reason, said Johnson, is K mart chose to place the frequently shopped items at the front of the store where customers can easily find them.

Johnson said the store is cleaner, the displays are better and the aisles are roomier. He said the changes are anticipated to increase sales gradually 40 per-

cent. The eight-week remodeling of the 90,000-square-foot store began in January, and it has been long-awaited.

Sixteen year employee Sandy Pressman said the improvements are great.

"It needed a new look. A face lift," she said.

"The old look was getting, well, old," said Johnson. "The customers really appreciate it... This is what people have asked for."

Novi resident Helen Kalle said she's been a ten-year customer and frequents the store often enough that when she drives past it with her grandsons they yell, "Hold her down!"

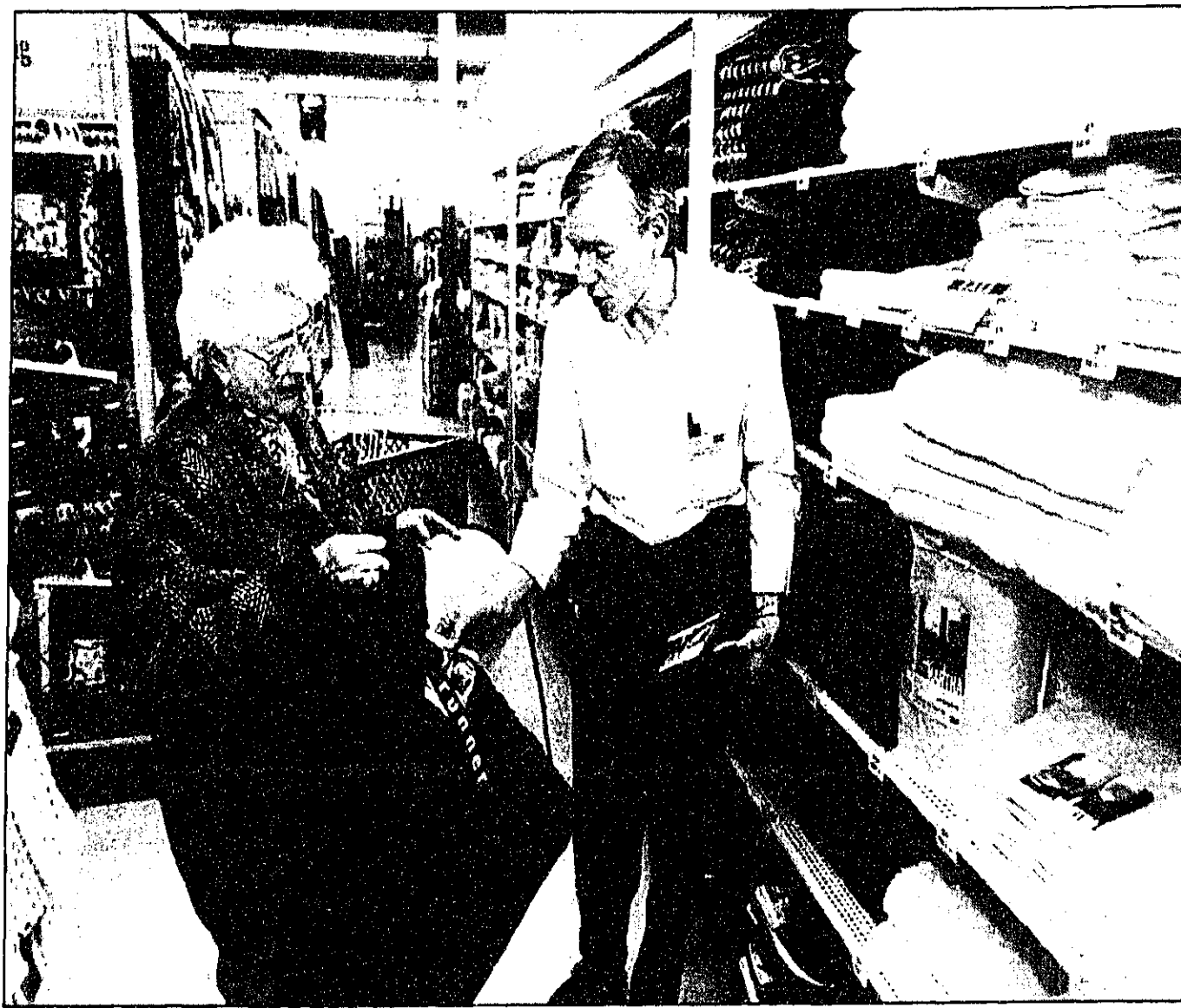
"This is a very nice store. I've enjoyed coming here since I've lived here," she said.

"I appreciate this particular K mart putting in automatic doors," she added.

The store also received a touch-up on the outside, but Johnson said there's been no indication if the front of the store will be remodeled along with the rest of West Oaks this summer.

Johnson said while rumors about the store closing its doors have circulated for many years, there was no indication from the corporate office that it was in jeopardy of closing.

The new K mart design will be introduced into nearly all of its traditional stores over the next three years. K mart Corporation serves America with 2,134 K mart and Super K mart Centers nationwide.



K mart manager Eric Johnson, right, helps long-time shopper Helen Kalle choose from some of the store's new line of linens. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

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Improvement, located at 39750 Grand River Avenue in Novi and at a Northwest Detroit location on May 19th.

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TUP 97-014**

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 1997 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to April 23, 1997.
(4-17-97 NR, NN 20644)

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE**

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

ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18-589

Property located south of Twelve Mile Road, west of Meadowbrook Road for POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR REZONING OF PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE (RA) TO OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT (OS-1) OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE ZONING DISTRICT.

To rezone a part of the NE 1/4 of Section 14, T1N, R3E, City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being parcel 22-14-200-013, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the east line of Section 14 (nominal C/L of Meadowbrook Road), said point being 500.01'05" E 1583.26' feet from the NE corner of Section 14; thence continuing along said east line S00°13'05" E 329.77' feet; thence S89°24'35" W 660.00' feet; thence N00°01'05" W 329.77' feet; thence N89°24'35" E 660.00' feet to the point of beginning. Containing 5.0 acres more or less.

FROM: RA RESIDENTIAL ACREAGE
TO: OS-1 OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 1997.

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Volunteers prep for Christmas in April

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Novi may be an affluent community, but not everybody's enjoying the wealth.

In fact, some disabled people and senior citizens living here on small fixed incomes are unable to keep up their own homes.

Take Myrtle Manzoni, an 83-year-old widow with disabilities who still lives in the house on Ten Mile Road where she was born. A large tree has fallen across her roof; squirrels are rumpling in and out through holes in the roof. Her porch requires major repair work, the house could use a coat of paint and her yard needs sprucing up.

But on April 26, the Christmas "elves" will turn up. Manzoni's is one of two homes in Novi targeted by Christmas in April this year.

"Myrtle has a tree blown in over her house, a huge tree. I said, Myrtle, if you had one wish, what would it be and she said, 'get rid of the damn squirrels in my attic,'" said Jim Klausmeyer, retired Novi city assessor.

Klausmeyer and retired city clerk Gerry Stipp are on the board of directors for the Oakland County chapter of the national organization.

Christmas in April aims to keep elderly, handicapped and low-income people living in their own homes in comfort, safety and independence. The local group is one of 102 nationwide affiliated with the National Christmas in April based in Washington, D.C.

Oakland County may be one of the richest in the United States, but the countywide list of 25 homes to be refurbished includes

many people with incomes below \$10,000 - some as low as \$4,000 per year. Quite a few are seniors. In one case outside of Novi, volunteers are coming to the aid of an elderly man with arthritis who is legally blind and whose wife has cancer. In another community, Christmas in April will help an elderly woman living in a converted chicken coop. Her home, according to the organization, is in "pitiful condition."

"You can help one person. You can see where the money goes," Klausmeyer said.

This year, on the Christmas list in Novi, along with Manzoni, is Carl Laaldi, a veteran who lives in a mobile home in Flower Meadows. Laaldi, 50, served overseas as a secretary in a general during the Vietnam War and has been bedridden for 12 years by muscular sclerosis.

"We're trying to make his life a little better," Klausmeyer said.

Christmas in April volunteers will build Laaldi a wheelchair ramp so his caregiver no longer has to carry him outdoors. They'll spruce up the outside of his home and check his water heater. A new hospital bed has already been donated. And a city employee who wants to remain anonymous will give Laaldi something really important on his wish list, a printer for his computer with an envelope feeder.

Other key volunteers locally are Cheryl McNamara, who works in the city's finance department and builds Ray Cousineau of Tri-Mount homes.

Twenty high school students from Livonia will help out in Novi, will appear outside of the local projects this year, as it did last year.

"In Novi, unfortunately, we're seeing none of that. Tim was involved and nobody stepped in. I still think the city exists for the benefit of the residents," Klausmeyer added.

"These people need help."

While the cut-off date for volunteering is past, donations of goods and money are still eagerly accepted.

If you'd like to help out with money, call Cheryl McNamara at 347-0467.

Donations of food are still needed. Not only mixed meals be delivered to the various sites for the 2,200 volunteer workers countywide, but the end of the day on April 26 with a banquet at Milford High School.

If you're interested in providing food, contact Gerry Stipp at 442-2292.

as will several local students.

"Volunteers don't necessarily come from Novi in large numbers. Different corporations just send their people over to help," McNamara.

Money for the project has come in from the Novi Police Officers Association of Michigan, as well as the police sergeants and lieutenants. The Novi Expo Center is donating dumpsters for use at the work site. The Novi Rotary Club is sponsoring the Laaldi home.

One problem with the Christmas in April clean-up in Novi is that many applicants must be turned away, Klausmeyer said, because there's not enough volunteers and money to take care of everybody.

Klausmeyer said he's disappointed that there hasn't been greater city government involvement in Novi. In Waterford Township, the local government donated \$10,000 to the cause.

Late Novi city council member Tim Pope got Klausmeyer involved in Christmas in April. Pope's name

Library Briefs

Library hours

The Novi Library spring hours are as follows: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

Novi Library Home Page

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National Library Week

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Gov. blocks effort to save farmland

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

A state effort to curb farmland splits floundered as Gov. John Engler vetoed Senate Bill 93 at the speaker's request. Senate Bill 93 was intended to prevent a proliferation of land divisions before the effective date of Public Act 591 of 1996 - March 31, 1997, said Engler's April 17 veto message. "Unfortunately, the House of Representatives did not pass the bill until March 19, and it wasn't presented to me until March 26."

Engler also said there were technical problems with the bill, which just created a new definition of "subdivision" and then reinstated the old one. "It would be confusing to have two definitions of the same term follow one another in the statute, one of them already outdated."

SB 93 was designed to plug a loophole in PA 591 which Engler signed early in January. Because PA 591 wasn't to take effect until March 31, landowners could split their land twice in a single year - once before the new law took effect, once afterward.

No information was available at press time on how many land splits were made prior to the March 31 effective date of PA 591. Crux of the fight was the question of how many land splits will

be allowed before a developer must plat the land under the eye of local government, drain commissioner and county road panel. Local units typically require a good water supply, ability to handle wastewater, road access and lot shape.

Engler signed PA 591 but complained it did nothing to speed up the "bureaucratic" approval of new subdivisions, the same criticism made by the Michigan Association of Realtors.

Even PA 591 was too weak to satisfy the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the Michigan Farm Bureau, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association and Michigan Association of Counties, as well as the Michigan Environmental Council (MEC).

Most parties agreed Michigan was wasting farmland by allowing farms to be split into an unlimited number of 10-plus acre parcels without going through subdivision procedures. Result: "bowling alley" lots that extended far back into a parcel, taking that land out of farm production.

Engler said the bill he signed, PA 591, "puts a stop to the unlimited creation of 10.01-acre parcels, creating lots too large for most residential purposes and too small for agricultural purposes." He said the new schedule allows:

- Four splits on any parcel under 10 acres.
- One split for each additional 10 acres up to parcels 120 acres in size.



Leaders of tomorrow

Nine teachers were named last week at a Galileo Launch held at the Novi Hilton. Teachers were handpicked from several school districts and community colleges to take part in the program that will create the "teacher-leaders" of tomorrow. The program will last for two years. Back row from left to right: Paul Hoffman, Kim Hogan, Debbie Madeja, Jennifer Schimmel, Anne Chinn, John Ascher. Front row: Gail Ziefinski, Kristin Weinbeck and Jodi Kobasa.

Photo by WENDY PIEMAN MITZEL

SEMCOG forecasts loss of farms to subdivisions

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

One year you see a fox den and deer tracks in the vacant lots near your new home. Next year you see a shopping center full of chain stores and traffic lights at the corner.

And yet there is little overall population increase. People, businesses and health care offices just shift around - outward.

For three decades, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments has talked against "urban sprawl" and in favor of "managed growth." This year the numbers continued to worsen. Ed Limoges of SEMCOG's data center staff told

delegates from seven counties in March that single-family lot sizes were getting larger. Average density was three households per acre before 1980; two to three per acre in 1990-95; and one per acre in Livingston County.

"Our forecast is that we're likely to see further loss of farmland," said Jerry Rowe, also of SEMCOG's data center staff.

Nevertheless, Patrick Brunett, SEMCOG's environmental and land use manager, said he is "a little more on the optimistic side. For the last 20 years you couldn't say 'land use' in Michigan because people equated it with stopping growth. Now we (the region) are

willing to talk about it."

TOWARD CONSENSUS
In a recent interview, Brunett and Rowe pointed to many signs that people from many kinds of communities across the state are edging toward a consensus on managed growth and away from sprawl. Items:

- The Michigan Legislature last year had 50 or so bills on land use. In previous years, there had been but a handful.
- The leading name in the Legislature is not a big city academic but Sen. Leon Stille, a former business executive and village president of Spring Lake (pop. 2,500), near the Lake Michigan shoreline.

The Michigan Economic and Environmental Roundtable has taken up land use as a project, said Brunett. Dow Chemical of Midland.

• Environmental groups are looking beyond fragile meadows and bird populations to the urban sprawl issue.

• Churches in Detroit and the near-in suburbs are seeing a linkage between the problems of poverty and sprawl, said Brunett, singling out interfaith organizations like the Moses and Jeremiah groups.

The Legislature streamlined the Condemnation Act, which in the past has blocked the assembly of large land parcels for redevelopment. "But that act needs more reform than we were able to get," said Brunett.

• Former House Speaker Paul Hillebrand, now president of the corporate-sponsored Detroit Renaissance, told SEMCOG delegates about a bipartisan group of lawmakers coming together on land use reform issues, though so far there is no consensus.

• Dr. Robert Burchell, of Rutgers University's Center for Urban Policy Research, did a study for SEMCOG in which he said that a 10 percent more compact land development would save millions in

local government and homeown-ers dollars. The savings nationally would be "75 percent in develop-able land, 12 percent in local roads, and an average of 15 per-cent in water-based development utilities" because homeowners would be watering smaller lots.

'GET TOGETHER'
The problem is not how good guys in white hats can beat bad guys in black hats.

"Unless we get the urban and rural interests together, we're not going to go anywhere in this state," said Brunett. "There is a loss of credibility when both sides are after each other," said Rowe.

Obituaries

MARY PASQUANTONIO

Mary (Oddie) Pasquantonio of Novi died April 10 in Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was 81.

Mrs. Pasquantonio was born Nov. 19, 1915. She is survived by son, Eugene A. (Doc); daughter, Mary Lou; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Services were held on Monday, April 14, at St. Williams in Waller Lake. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home of Novi. Memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Road, Suite 2255, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 would be appreciated.

BARBARA J. TROMBLEY

Barbara J. (Tuck) Trombley died April 11 at her residence in Wixom. She was 64.

Mrs. Trombley was born April 24, 1932. She is survived by her husband, Bill; daughters, Jill, Kristy, Lesa and Sherri; son, Billy; sister, Beverly; brothers, Bill and Morris; and 11 grandchildren. Services were held on Tuesday, April 15, at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia. Memorials to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, 16250 Northland Drive, Suite 212, Southfield, MI 48075-5200 would be appreciated.

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HEALTH NOTE
by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T.
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Dispatchers are calm voice on the emergency line

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While most of the shift typically consists of routine calls for stolen cell phones or traffic accidents, there are the stressful calls that put the lives of others in the dispatchers' hands until police can arrive.

"You may have shifts where it's very quiet. You have a few rather routine calls and the next call you take could be something like the Wisconsin incident. You never know what you're going to wind up with," Cerretani explained. She was called in to help with the Ford Wisconsin Plant shooting in November, where an armed man ran through the plant firing at innocent bystanders and injuring several police officers.

Walton's first crisis call after he finished training involved an older man who stabbed his wife to death in their North Condominium. She pleaded for her life while on the phone with the dispatcher. "I had just got out of training and it was my first night on my own," said Walton. "I didn't realize at first she was still being stabbed by her husband."

VOICES OF 9-1-1

This week is dedicated National Telecommunicator Week by Congress in order to honor the men and women of America who serve as public safety telecommunicators. Here are the men and women of the Novi Police Dispatch unit who serve the community calls for assistance:

- Christine Regenik
- Janel Holman
- Dona Cerretani
- Barb Dombrowski
- Barb Hare
- Tim Walton
- Paul Harding

leagues that helps dispatchers deal with the frustration, tension and sadness of the sometimes bad situation.

"Generally when we have a serious incident, we can take part in a debriefing," but we don't," explained Cerretani. "Largely most of the stuff we've had could be talked through with one another... We try very hard to get along. It's basically like a family."

How the 9-1-1 system works

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer
When a 9-1-1 call comes in, the address, homeowner and other information appears automatically on a computer screen. The dispatcher gathers information about the situation and sends the appropriate response team of either police officers, firefighters or paramedics.

If the call is a hang-up, the dispatcher calls back to ensure every code is OK. It's not unusual to have children dial the emergency code, or have homeowners accidentally hit the emergency button programmed into the phone when dusting or dialing another number.

Dispatcher Tim Walton said he's learned to listen to the tone of voice or noise in the background to determine if the caller is telling the truth. Sometimes a domestic violence victim calls police but the batterer hangs up and answers the call back.

What kind of calls you get depends on the time of day, the dispatchers explained. Mornings consist mainly of traffic accidents, due to the rush hour. Afternoons consist of more rush hour accidents and nuisance calls. Afternoons are busier because school is out, dispatchers said. Night calls in Novi consist of larcenies from autos or domestic calls.

District reviews spring break trip

By ROBERT JACKSON Staff Writer
A booze cruise, a beer blast and foam parties.

That's what a few of the 35 Northville High School seniors expected as part of a spring break travel package to Cancun, Mexico. They weren't disappointed. They attended all of those activities and a school and district officials who are still trying to sort out what exactly took place during the spring recess trip March 30 to April 6.

Rumors of all-night beer parties, fights, wet T-shirt contests and blatant sexual conduct have been circulating through the high school hallways, along with photos of students drinking alcohol and female students posing topless.

District officials report that this year's spring break activities took their toll on students. One student suffered a broken jaw after he crashed a jet ski while allegedly intoxicated, two students were assaulted, and one was so traumatized by the trip that she swallowed a bottle of pills and ended up in intensive care last week.

While officials are troubled by the reports, they are equally disturbed that the man who arranged the students' spring break vacation is a school district employee. Steve Holman, the owner and operator of Dream On Travel and Tours, is responsible for the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning of the district's school facilities and runs his travel agency out of his home as a sideline.

This week school officials are investigating whether Holman might have inadvertently misrepresented the district in his involvement with the spring break trip.

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said Monday he is deeply troubled by the alleged conduct of the students in Cancun. He added that the district will vigorously investigate all reports of misbehavior.

"The allegations concern me a great deal because the district always looks out for the well being of our students," he said. "All this can't say how all the facts so I don't know what will respond. What I have heard thus far doesn't sound good, and the allegations are disturbing."

The trip was not sanctioned by the school district, Rezmierski added. "The district boasts a policy of 'zero tolerance' with students who use drugs and alcohol, but with the drinking age set at 18 in Cancun, the possibilities for students to consume alcohol were numerous.

Holman admitted that fact in an interview this week, and said the parents of students who took the trip knew, up front, that drinking could take place.

"I had a meeting with all of the parents last September and told them that the drinking age in Cancun was 18 years, and that if their kids drank in Northville they most likely would drink in Cancun," he explained. "I didn't hide anything from them. They knew exactly what to expect before their kids got on the plane."

He added that most of the students acted responsibly and didn't pose any problems during the six day trip.

"On the whole the students were great, and they enjoyed Cancun," he said. "There were only a few students that caused problems, and I really couldn't do anything about that."

"I advised (Student Assistance Coordinator) Charlie Silke that a few of the students had problems with alcohol because I wanted to make sure those kids got some help."

Holman added that because of the controversy surrounding the Cancun trip, he will not arrange spring break trips in the future.

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their spring break trip in the Bahamas and several got into trouble when they climbed onto the roof of the hotel during a rain storm. The students were forced to take up lodgings at another hotel, and received a stern admonition from Holman.

"Nobody got hurt. I contacted the parents and we took care of the problem," he said.

Holman added that because of the controversy surrounding the Cancun trip, he will not arrange spring break trips in the future.

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"Let everyone know, on more than one occasion, that the trip was not connected in any way with the high school or the school district," he explained. "I feel that I did not misrepresent myself or the school district."

The trip was booked through Take a Break Student Travel, which specializes in college spring break getaways. The company advertises its Cancun vacation package as including a spring break booze cruise, beer blast jungle tour, foam party and 100 free beers for vacationers staying at select hotels.

According to Holman district officials didn't raise any concerns about last year's senior trip which, he explained, was worse than the Cancun episode.

"The kids that went to Cancun this year were, by far, more responsible than last year's seniors," he said. "There were more problems with kids and alcohol last year."

Last year, 45 students spent

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Marcus wins Jaycees' DSA honors Saturday

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"Tom is one of the unsung heroes of Novi who is finally recognized. He really deserves it," Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

The ice cream social is one of the great events of this community. Where else can you bring your kids and get entertainment and free hot dogs and ice cream? He's kind of the spirit of the downtown area.

Marcus has also been active for many years with the Novi Memorial Day Parade, first accumulating then distributing the free coffee and doughnuts. And these days, he's busy rallying up the two daily meals needed for the 300 or so volunteers who will build the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape in June.

As a joke, some local business owners pretend to lock their doors when they see him coming, because they know he's looking for a donation, Marcus said.

These days, one of his big concerns is to get the younger generation out volunteering and joining service clubs.

"The Jaycees need help and the Lions Club and the Rotary. There's so much young people can do to get involved," he said. "Don't just live in Novi, be part of it."

Which is exactly what he's done since he moved to town in 1994. Marcus is a charter member of the Novi Jaycees and the Novi Lions. In the past, he's served on the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Economic Development Corporation and the Grand River Corridor Committee. Today, he's on the advisory board of Providence Hospital and along with the parade and playscape committees, he's busy with the Novi Town Center Steering Committee, the Michigan 50s Festival Board of Directors, the Downtown Merchants Association and the Novi Education Foundation.

"If I need something, all I do is make a phone call," Marcus said. "I've got a lot more friends than I do money. I'm a millionaire with friends."

He also may be the number one fan of the Novi High School football team. He's at just about every game, waving the flag, tooting horns and blowing whistles. Marcus built the Wildcat head and tunnel the players run through at home games and he runs the steam machine as they exit the caption.

Back in the 1960s, when Novi celebrated Gala Days, Marcus brought in two Belgian draft horses for the event and stored them in the back yard of his Willowbrook subdivision home. Of course they escaped, but that's another story.

The Marcuses raised two children in their Willowbrook home and know all their neighbors. They have three grandchildren. In 1992, Marcus went back to school and completed his high school diploma at Novi High.

During the winter, Marcus is out with his snowblower, clearing off some 14 to 15 driveways for elderly neighbors.

"When you do volunteer work, the volunteer gets more out of it than the people you do it for. I enjoy it," he explained.

"A lot of people today don't even know their neighbors. We'll try to change this world around and get it back on track."

As a retiree, Marcus seems to be as much on the run now as he was before he sold his glass business.

"They couldn't give him enough awards," Bauman said.



Frazier Slaman receives The Novi News' Lifetime Achievement Award from Managing Editor Mike Malott. Former supervisor cited for service to Novi

By JAN JEFFRES
The winner of the first Novi News Lifetime Achievement Award had plenty of time to earn the honor.

Frazier Slaman, former Novi Township supervisor, was born on July 5, 1904.

He is credited with launching a number of local institutions during the 1950s and 1960s, including the Novi Rotary Club, the Novi Goodfellows, the Novi Building Department and the Novi Public Safety and Police departments. He also spent 12 years as an Oakland County Road Commissioner, was on the Novi school board and served as a township constable.

"Frazier was a damned good township supervisor. He made a full-time job out of it," said retired police chief Lee BeGoale, who was hired by Slaman in 1954.

"He founded the Novi Police Department. In effect, he brought Novi into the modern age."

A plaque in Slaman's honor will be placed in the Novi Civic Center. The award was announced at the Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards breakfast on Saturday.

"I didn't know so many people would be here. It's a lot more people than I expect to see at my funeral. I'll pay these people to go to my funeral," the wisecracking 92-year-old said.

This is the first year The Novi News has selected the Lifetime Achievement Award winner. In 1996, the year the commendation was inaugurated, it was given posthumously by the Novi Jaycees to former Novi City Council member Tim Pope.

"There are many people in Novi who have given of themselves to the community over the years. We just have a crop of people to who we can hand this award to," Novi News Managing Editor Mike Malott said.

Slaman, who now lives in Wisconsin, is a 1923 graduate of Farmington High School.

Under his management, Novi was one of the first communities in the state to adopt zoning codes, confusing farmers who needed permits to build their barns.

He labored long and hard to get the Ford Motor Company to build its Lincoln plant in Novi. Ford did, but Watson annexed that corner of the township.

Before Novi had its own high school, Slaman wanted a school band. He rallied volunteers to donate money for instruments and a leader for the Novi Fire and Drum Corps. The corps kept marching until replaced by the Novi High School band.

At the Oakland County level, Slaman was on a committee that planned and built the Oakland County Courthouse in 1959. In honor of his years on the road commission, an Oakland County Road Commission facility in Troy is named the Frazier Slaman Building.

Slaman is also indirectly responsible for the birth of the Novi Historical Commission. He donated the old township hall to the commission to renovate and run the building.

"It's really incredible to think that without Frazier's community service, Novi would not have been what it is today," said Novi Jaycees Vice President Matt Serwack.

Slaman said his proudest moment was when after three failed attempts he brought a U.S. post office and mail delivery to Novi. He did it by convincing an area campaigner for President Dwight Eisenhower to contact the White House.

"The fellow who turned us down in Detroit three times was certainly unhappy. I think that was one of the best things I accomplished," Slaman said.

Slaman was known for his humor in style of government. He collected and stored used clothing in the basement of the Novi Road township hall, recently torn down.

That way, if there was a fire, the burnt-out family could quickly supply themselves with a new wardrobe.

Novi had no social workers but if anyone had a problem, Frazier found a way to help. BeGoale said: "He was government by the people and for the people and for the people he was available."

City workers honored at DSA breakfast

Not just volunteers were applauded at the Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards breakfast.

Annually, public servants working for the City of Novi are also remembered.

OUTSTANDING FIREFIGHTER MARK PETZ
Petz joined the Novi Fire Department's part-on-call staff in 1988 and in 1995 was promoted to lieutenant.

Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said he was selected for the honor this year because of his commitment to service, excellent attitude, attention to details and work with the department's firefighter training program.

"When we talk about community volunteer service, the Novi Fire Department is certainly served by people like Mark Petz," Lenaghan said.

"He's a very dependable individual. Everything you need something done, he's one of those people you call and he does it."

While he runs an auto lubrication shop in Walled Lake, Petz always finds time to help out the Novi Fire Department, Lenaghan added.

OUTSTANDING OFFICER JERROD HART
Police Chief Douglas Schaeffer said the department had many nominees but Hart, who's been on the force six years, stood out, especially for his work with local youngsters.

Hart started the Eddie Eagle Firearms Safety Program to teach kids what to do if they come across a gun. He is active with the city's Victims Impact Panel.

He is one of the few certified rifle instructors in Michigan and trains Novi's officers. Hart also convinced Cellular One to donate cell phones to security guards working in Novi, to put them in direct contact with police dispatchers.

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE MARY ANN CABADAS
As a principal clerk at the City Clerk's office, Cabadas is on the front lines at the Novi Civic Center.

She started working at city hall in 1972 as a clerk-typist and has since been promoted to the top rank in that category.

"She's very highly motivated and a terrific employee," City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

Many Ann embodies a personality that comes across at city hall. We get a lot of comments and compliments on how our employees treat the public. We're extremely proud of that. This is the face of the community as we deal with residents and developers and businesses."

Youngsters honored by Jaycees for efforts, essays

What are kids up to today? In Novi, some of them are out volunteering and writing award-winning essays.

Saturday, at the Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Awards, Tiffany Justice was selected as the Outstanding Youth.

A high school student, she started volunteering at A Growing Place day care center for extra credit and liked it so much, she stayed on as an unpaid helper.

Both middle school-aged winners of the essay contests clearly moved the audience at the Doubletree Hotel breakfast with their writing. Each had her own approach to the contest theme, "Who is my role model?"

For seventh-grader Sarah Boyle, her dad was her hero. As a custodial parent for three years, he never gave up hope that their family, temporarily separated, would be reunited.

Eighth-grader Nichole Holcomb focused on her mother, a single parent working three jobs who instilled in her daughter the appreciation of the simple things in life, like picking mulberries.

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Lifer law unfairly targetting couriers, critics say

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Should a teenager foolish enough to carry illegal drugs for a big-time drug dealer be subjected to life in prison for making a bad choice?

State Senator Willis Bullard, R-Milford, said there's no way to know without looking at the circumstances. But, he adds, with the 650-Lifer-Law in place in Michigan, judges have no opportunity to examine the case and use their discretion in sentencing.

"My motivation is I think the 650 Lifer Law had excellent intentions but it's not working out exactly as planned," said Bullard, whose district includes Novi and a portion of Northville.

The 1978 law created a mandatory life sentence without parole for the possession of and intent to deliver 650 grams (1.4 pounds) of cocaine or heroine.

"The idea is to end the drug

trade," explained Bullard. "... But the low level people are getting caught."

Laura Sager, with Michigan Families Against Mandatory Minimums, said her group which fights against harsh sentences for low level offenders is encouraged by the new law, but it doesn't go far enough.

"Michigan drug penalties are the harshest in the nation," she said. "Keeping non-violent offenders in jail for decades is not good public policy and it is not a deterrent."

Introduced in March, Senate Bill 280, says judges can use discretion and reduce a sentence to 15

years in jail if the accused agrees to cooperate and provide information about drug traffickers and dealers higher up in the chain of command.

"Our goal should be to get at the drug king pins," said Bullard. The way to do that is to start at the bottom and work on up to the dealers.

But F.A.M.M. concluded the law is flawed because it still imposes harsh conditions for parole and inmates fear retribution from drug leaders if they do speak out.

"What we would like to see is the punishment fit the crime. Certainly if people commit a crime they

should be punished," Sager explained. "But mandatory minimums don't allow judges the discretion to fit the sentence to the crime and to the person."

F.A.M.M. would rather see Michigan laws more in tune with federal guidelines which save the harsh penalties for major drug traffickers, Sager said. Non-violent offenders like the "mules" and carriers should be entered into drug treatment centers or placed on electronic tethers to save taxpayers money it would cost to send them to jail.

"The point is for the people who get caught up at the low levels to

ensure that behavior is stopped," Sager said.

The majority of the 200 people in jail under the lifer law, 86 percent, are first time offenders, she said. And 650 grams is a small amount of drugs to be carrying, anyway, she said.

"I think you have to look at what's effective. If taxpayers can more effectively address the issue of drugs through treatment and short prison sentences wouldn't it make more sense to put violent offenders away ... and use more effective, low cost methods for non-violent drug offenders rather than just put them in jail and

throw away the key." Bullard pointed out the intent is not to completely repeal the law. Drug carriers deserve heavy penalties for their part in the drug trade.

"You're ruining lives and causing deaths and big problems in society," said Bullard.

Currently the senate judiciary committee is holding hearings on the bill which will most likely see changes throughout the committee process.

Bullard and Sen. Bill VanRegenmorter, chair of the senate judiciary committee are co-sponsoring the bill.

Resident wants end of lifer law

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Two years ago, Novi resident Nancie Rakotz discovered a high school friend from Oak Park was sitting in jail as a result of the 650-Lifer-Law.

"The tragic thing about the situation is he is a highly education individual," Rakotz explained. "He got wrapped up and did something wrong. He screwed up."

The 1978 law means a mandatory life sentence without parole for persons in the possession of and intending to deliver 650 grams (1.4 pounds) of cocaine or heroine.

Something in Rakotz made her get in touch with Demerius Cunningham, incarcerated eight years ago in Macomb County Jail for life. She's kept in touch ever since and just recently joined the Michigan Chapter of Families Against Mandatory Minimums.

"My friend could be a productive member of society. He was not involved in violent drug related incidents," she said.

Rakotz believes Cunningham, a high school basketball star, and others like him deserve to be punished for their crimes, but not for life.

"I don't condone what he did, but speaking as a taxpayer, I wish my tax dollars were going to punish more of the violent criminals," she said.

"State mandatory minimums requirements are so excessive especially when you take into consideration that under federal level you get five years ... We spend so much money housing these people. Whatever happened to rehabilitation? What made them do this in the first place?"

When not working as a paralegal or studying for law school, Rakotz spends her free time writing or visiting Cunningham or volunteering for F.A.M.M.

She doesn't believe recently introduced legislation can help her friend, or most other non-violent, first-time drug offenders. Especially when the condition for parole means informing on a drug dealer.

"Some of these guys cannot cooperate because there isn't any information to give. They're just carrier pigeons," she explained. "In case of my friend there isn't any information to trade."

Fighting for fair sentencing and better legislation isn't just a cause for her or F.A.M.M. to join.

"Even if you don't have a personal connection it involves everyone," she said. "Anybody who pays taxes in the state of Michigan is involved ... I'd rather see my money going to fix the potholed roads."

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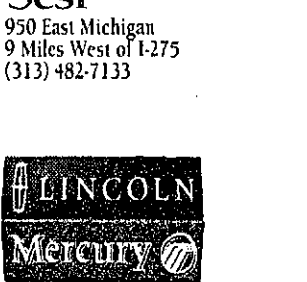
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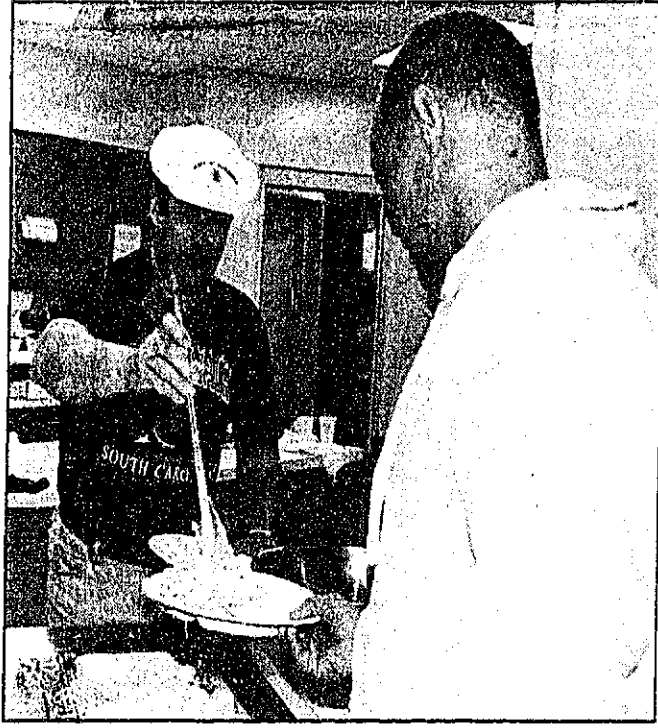
Above: Some participants stray from the 'Macarena' to do their own dance at the Interfaith Shelter Project. Right: Bette Dinser, left, and Irene Jacob show Emmett Boatright the 'reading station.'



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GOOD FAITH



Greg Cameron piles a hearty helping of spaghetti on each guest's plate.

Parishioners of the Church of the Holy Family in Novi are among those individuals who will be recognized during National Volunteer Recognition Week, April 13 through 19.

Nine hundred parishioners volunteered when the church hosted the interfaith Rotating Shelter last week. Planning and preparation for the event began a year ago.

"We really did some homework and got with the other churches," Church of the Holy Family Christian service director Carol Ann Donnelly said.

The Rotating Shelter program is based out of the Cass Community United Methodist Church.

"We're not picking people off the street," Donnelly said.

The program is highly structured and churches are given guidelines, according to Donnelly. The guests from Cass Community arrived for dinner on Saturday,



Volunteer Sharon Piette takes time to play 'catch' with young Jaishon.

April 6, and stayed until breakfast on Sunday, April 13.

Most of the 1,000 religious education students at the church volunteered to make placemats for each of the meals that were eaten. They also packed sack lunches which the 46 men and women ate either at their jobs or at Cass Community where they went during the day.

In the evening, volunteers staffed the clothes closet where guests could pick out everything from socks to sweatshirts and suits to shoes.

"They love the clothes closet," Donnelly said. "They said it's like shopping at the mall."

The guests, which included 10 women, ranged in age from 22 to 60.

Many parishioners made baked goods at home to be served with the evening meals. Others cooked in the kitchen at the church. Still other volunteers helped serve meals and clean up.

There were also monitors who stayed at the church throughout the night to answer questions or respond to the needs of the guests.

Parishioners donated hygiene items such as shaving cream, shampoo, floss, toothpaste, lip gloss and combs, which were then packed into kits for the guests. Religious pictures and rosaries were also donated.

Although the men and women shower at the Cass Community center, enough

towels and wash clothes were donated so that the guests could wash up every morning. Laundry volunteers were recruited to do the washing as needed throughout the week and to wash the sheets the guests used on the mats they slept on.

Other volunteers helped with transportation. Several guests were taken ill and needed prescriptions filled. Two needed rides to job interviews.

"The churches provide a safe, warm environment along with a place to sleep and get food. That is the main goal, all the rest is fun," Donnelly said.

Evenings volunteers helped with hair cuts, entertainment, letter writing, movies, and church services.

"Most are not Catholic but attend the services, not because they are forced to but because they want to," Donnelly said.

Volunteers at Northville United Methodist Church will host their Homeless Hospitality Week April 27 through May 4 and parishioners at Our Lady of Victory Church are scheduled to do the same the week of June 16.

Every denomination can get involved. For more information about the rotating shelters in Wayne County, call Vanetta O'Neil, the interfaith rotating shelter director, at (313) 833-7730.

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- Jean Vonsoosten, Whitehall Convalescent Home
- Arlene Greenlee, Northville Youth Forum
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Wedding



Richard and Jennifer Bolton

Jennifer Ann Asher and Richard James Bolton were married Sept. 14, 1996, at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. The Rev. Dr. Douglas Vernon officiated. Following the double ring ceremony, a formal reception for 165 guests was held at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon.

The bride is the daughter of Jerry and Laura Asher of Northville. Jennifer graduated from Novi High School in 1990 and attended Western Michigan University. She is employed at Ford Motor Co. in Dearborn.

Attending as maid of honor was Carrie Bolton of Woodhaven, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Alicia Williams of Northville and Sherry Geden of Garden City.

The bridal gown by Mori Lee was of natural satin with rounded padded shoulders with short tapered sleeves. The bodice was all pearled with a crating empire

Engagements



Jennifer Redding/Chris Williamson

Clint and Diane Williamson of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Christopher B., to Jennifer Redding, daughter of Mark Redding of Milwaukee, Wis., and Caroline Redding of Brookfield, Wis.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Brookfield Central High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Lawrence Technological University, and a master's in engineering management from the University of Detroit-Mercy. He is currently employed as an engineer at Ford Motor Co., Dearborn.

Serving as best man was Eric Exner of Woodhaven. Groomsmen were friends Joe Anderson and Gary Kaufmann of Farmington Hills and Michael Watroba of Woodhaven.

Following their honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple made their home in Woodhaven.



Mark Donovan/Karrie Carr

Marilee Conroy of South Lyon and Gary Carr of Longwood, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Karrie Lynn Carr, to Mark Donovan, son of Kay Bramlett of Pontiac and Larry Donovan of Pontiac.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Walled Lake schools. She is employed at Ford Motor Co., Michigan Truck Plant.

The groom-elect also graduated from Walled Lake schools and served in the U.S. Army. He is currently employed at Rapturn Machining in Walled Lake.

The bride-to-be's mother and her aunt Cheryl Bolling are 1970 and 1980 graduates of Novi High School respectively. Karrie's uncle Jerry Beebe is a 1968 graduate of Northville High School.

The couple is planning an October 1998 wedding.

Conference will focus on renewing faith

The Marion Peace Center is hosting "Holy Family... Make Our Family Holy" at the Novi Hilton on Saturday, April 19 from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

"I'm glad they have a conference here in Novi," Novi resident Donna Surgetides said. "It is nice to have something in our back yard."

Speakers at this conference include David Parkes from Dublin, Ireland who will be the master of ceremonies. A leading professional singer and a strong pro-life advocate, Parkes will focus on his close-to-death experience with Crohn's disease and his spiritual and physical healing after visiting the religious site of Medjugorje.

Other speakers include Mary Lou McCall, a former reporter/anchor for an ABC affiliate in New Orleans who is now co-anchoring a Catholic news show Focus with fellow speaker Archbishop Philip Hannan. While doing a series of reports on Medjugorje she had a profound conversion experience which she will discuss.

Archbishop Hannan was appointed Archbishop of New Orleans in 1965 and served for 24

Young author to sign books

By CAROL WORKENS Staff Writer

Brian Downs sat down and penned the first paragraph of *Teenage Journey into Politics* in January 1996 and eight months later, in August of last year, the paperback book rolled off the presses.

The book is a combination of Downs' own story and an encouragement for other young people to get involved.

Downs will be signing copies of *Teenage Journey into Politics* on Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Borders Books and Music in the Novi Town Center on Novi Road.

"It's a blueprint for involvement and gives advice on how one can get involved," the 20-year-old Northville resident said.

A graduate of Catholic Central High School, Downs spent four months on a political exchange program at Oxford University in London where he studied British politics. Following his stay at Oxford and coinciding with President Bill Clinton's visit to Ireland, Downs worked in the U.S. Embassy as an assistant to the U.S. Ambassador to Ireland, Jean Kennedy-Smith.

The young Republican's interest in politics began at age seven. He has served as a junior page in Washington and has met Presidents Ronald Reagan, George Bush and Gerald Ford and attended many conventions.

"I'm a normal kid and go to band concerts," Downs said. "Once kids hear I've written a book and am involved in politics they think it's pretty cool."

When Downs would see young people around him who were not involved in politics but did plenty of complaining about jobs and taxes, he'd talk to them about changing things and getting involved by going door-to-door, working on campaigns and joining teenage Republican or Democrat groups.

Involvement is also a good way to get letters of recommendation for college and to meet a lot of people, according to Downs.

"When you work hard getting to know people and have a resume that looks different you can get ahead in life," Downs said. They can help themselves and others and learn more about the world when they get involved in politics.

While in high school, where he played football, he started working on political campaigns. Students who were required to do service hours in the political field would seek Downs out for work.

"I had half of my senior class involved in politics," Downs said. "Twenty to 30 people are still involved in politics."

"It's kind of like sports, you get to know all the different athletic figures and batting averages," Downs added. "Politics is one of the most competitive sports in the world. It has statistics like a congressman's voting record."

Teenage Journey into Politics is self-published and financed by family members and friends in the Republic Party. The group formed Tiffin Publishing, which was named after Downs' great, great, great uncle Edward Tiffin, the first governor of Ohio and the only politician in the family.

"It does not have a Republican slant but encourages people to get involved in one way or another," Downs said. "I like helping people and this is one of the best ways of doing that and making a change at the same time."

Downs, the son of Bill and Cheryl Downs of Northville, is enrolled at St. Mary's College and hopes to transfer to the University of Michigan next fall, where he will work toward a degree in political science and business.

"After graduation I would like to dip into either the business world, broadcast journalism, or politics," Downs said. "Maybe run for office, but basically help people get informed."



Shown here teasing with Tangles' owner Mayas Kashat-Polis hair are Julia Phill, Bea Lynn, Joyce Richards, Soozie Lorence, Robin Jonzc, Jan Dorais, Sonja Higley and Rosemarie Heady.

A head of hair with style

For one week recently, customers coming in for a cut, style or perm were in for a surprise when the hairstylists of Tangles Hair Salon on Novi Road celebrated spring by wearing bonnets as they did their styling work.

Church Notes

The Women's Association at the **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 200 E. Main in Northville, will host its annual rummage sale on Thursday, April 24, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Everything from clothes to furniture and books to tools, even a bake sale will be included.

Donations can be dropped off in the William Room in the lower level of the church from April 20 through April 23.

Proceeds from the rummage sale will benefit the missions and scholarships.

For more information on the rummage sale, call Pearl Stephens at 349-0909 or the church office at 349-0911.

High school seniors who are members of the First Presbyterian Church and who want to be considered for the First Presbyterian Church Educational Endowment and/or the Marlow Van Soest Endowment should contact the church office at (810) 349-0911.

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.

On Wednesday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m. the topic will be "How to Enhance Your Self Esteem," with speaker Ron Papa.

Sports activities for the month include bowling and volleyball on April 25. Bowling will be held at Novi Hunt, 21700 Novi Road at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$8 plus shoes. Volleyball is held at the Northville Recreation Center, 303 West Main Street in Northville, from 9 until 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$4.

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

Farmington Road at Six Mile in Livonia, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

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The 13th Eagle Run Classic to benefit the Detroit Rescue Mission will be held at Maybury State Park in Northville on May 17. Registration forms and volunteer sign-up sheets can be requested by calling (313) 422-1854.

A seminar entitled "Where Do We Go From Here," which covers issues that concern people who have gotten past their loss of a spouse and want to continue to live in a healthy, growing manner, will be presented on April 18 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and on April 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with speaker Pastor Dick Bont. The cost is \$12 and registration is required.

Single Parents meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Calvin Room. This group offers support, fun, fellowship, vacations and other activities. Free child care is available.

Single Point also offers other groups which are open to all singles.

Talk It Over presents Walt Stasinski who will discuss finding humor in life on April 25 at 8 p.m. in Knox Hall.

The 13th Eagle Run Classic to benefit the Detroit Rescue Mission will be held at Maybury State Park on Saturday, May 17. Application forms are available by calling SJM.

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

News to share?

Have you recently become engaged? Newly betrothed? Or are you proud new parents? Are you celebrating a big anniversary? Send the information and picture if you have one to *The Northville Record/Novi News*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, or stop by the office and pick up a birth, engagement or wedding announcement form and we'll see to it that your happy news appears in the paper.

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Speakers in April include attorney Rich Lenke on April 20, and Michigan State University hockey player Daryl Rice on April 27.

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For more information, call Bob Shirock at (810) 626-0372.

CHURCH OF TODAY WEST, which meets at Village Oaks Elementary School at 23333 Willowbrook in Novi, offers Sunday services and Youth Education at 9 and 11 a.m.

For more information, call the church at (810) 473-0700.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, which meets in the former Plymouth Wesleyan Church at 42290 Five Mile Road at Bradner, is looking for singers and musicians to participate in Sunday morning services from 10 until 11 a.m.

If you are interested, call music director Don Austin at (313) 823-7700 or (313) 451-0710.

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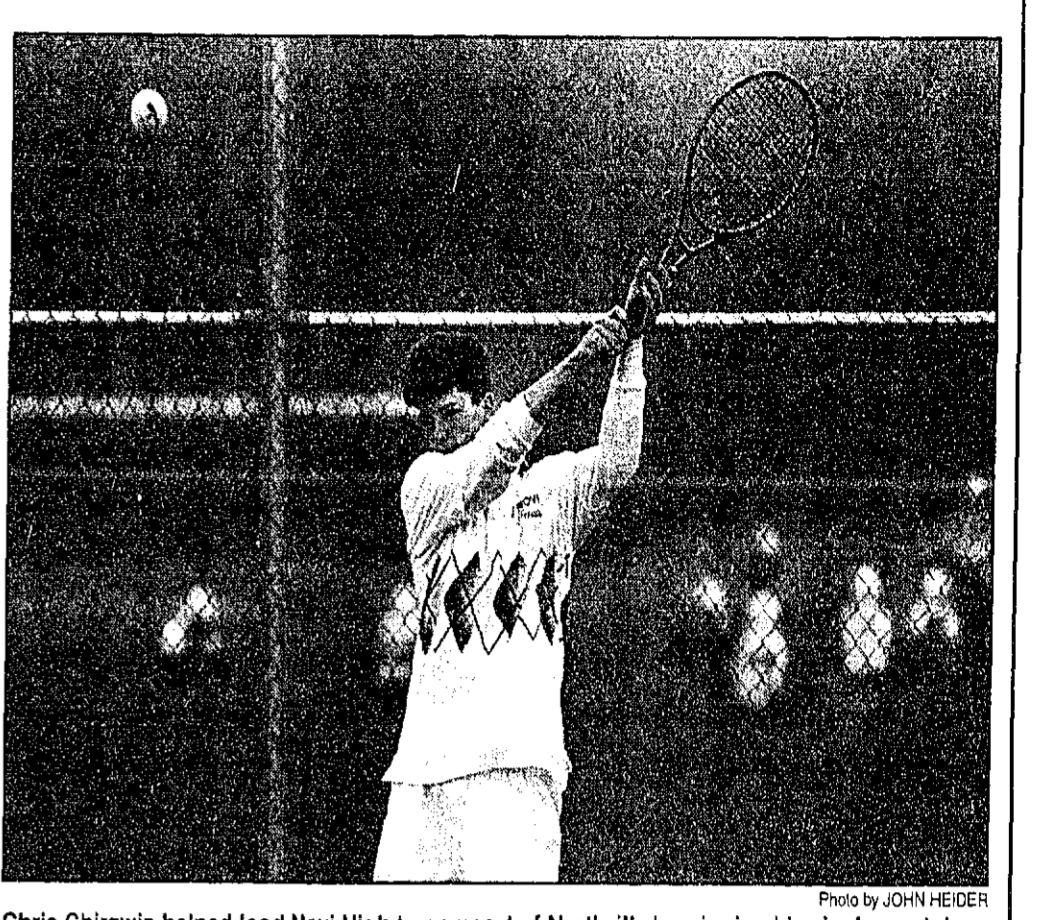
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Inactivity increasing for kids

An appreciation of the positive effects of physical activity is certainly on the rise with our adult population. The recent surgeon general's report, which pointed out the startling facts of the effects of inactivity, sent a clear message to the over 60 percent of the adult population defined as inactive.

But what about our young population - our children and teenagers? Unfortunately, the sad facts are equally appalling. The American Health Foundation, surgeon general, and other authorities report the following:

- Participation in all types of physical activity drops strikingly as ages and grade levels increase.
- Only 19 percent of all high school students report being active for 20 minutes or more in daily physical education classes.

- One fourth of our U.S. young people (ages 12-21) report no vigorous physical activity.

- Among high school students, in the early 1990s, daily physical education class attendance declined from 42 percent to 25 percent.

- Obesity in children ages 16 to 17 increased up to 50 percent between the 1960s and late 1980s even though their calorie intake actually decreased in the last decade of the period, by as much as 7 percent. This is alarming proof that calorie-burning activity has declined. Kids aren't burning off calories with exercise.

- Sixty-seven percent of all young people show three or more factors for heart disease.

As a nation, we are failing to instill in our increasingly passive

generations of children the habit of staying active and fit.

Private industry, as well as organizations such as the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and the International Health, Racquet and Sports Club Association, are initiating some very exciting campaigns to help (such as the Youth Fitness Campaign).

The use of videos, programs geared to preteens and teenagers, and key people speaking on the subject is intended to raise awareness, but a grass roots approach will be vital, starting at home. There are now many programs currently in place at your local parks and recreation departments, health clubs, etc.

Setting an example at home,

supporting and joining in with our children will all be key ingredients to reverse this trend.

As Florence Griffith Joyner, co-chair of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, states, "Physical activity must become a lifetime passion, a habit of mind developed in the crucial teenage years when the youthful energy of childhood often gets rechanneled into hard-to-break sedentary patterns."

The health of our future generations is at stake.

This article was written by Chris Klebba, president of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. Call 449-7634 for more information.

Knee injuries rise sharply for women

Ever since women became more interested in aggressive sports, their rate of significant knee injury has skyrocketed.

Prior to the 1970s, most women favored the non-contact sports of swimming, tennis and track. However, since the passage of Title IX by the NCAA, women have become more involved in contact sports like soccer, basketball and ice hockey.

Unfortunately, along with this increase in participation has come an epidemic of serious knee ligament injuries. Among the most serious are tears of the anterior cruciate ligament, which is a primary stabilizer of the knee. The anterior cruciate ligament is vitally important for proper knee function during jumping, turning and twisting sports.

Surprisingly, the rate of injury in women is between two and seven times the rate in men depending upon which study is reviewed. This difference in injury rates has led to much speculation about the cause of these injuries.

No doubt men and women are different anatomically and physiologically. A woman's pelvis is wider, which changes some aspects of lower extremity function. The angle made at the knee by the thigh and lower leg bone is different in men and women. The bony shape at the lower end of the thigh bone in the knee is also different. Some researchers suspect that these features may play a role in women's anterior cruciate ligament tears.

Current research at the University of Michigan sports medicine center is focusing on the neuromuscular function of women. This function deals with how an individual uses her

quadriceps, hamstrings and gastrocnemius muscles to protect the knee. The thought behind looking at the muscles for the difference in knee ligament injury rates was that boys and girls may not have been doing the same activities during the developing years.

In the past, boys were involved in more sports at an earlier age than girls. Without getting into stereotyping, many young girls chose fewer athletic activities than boys in the adolescent years.

While it is safe to say that these trends have changed and continue to change, the conditioning and training that many boys went through as children may be a significant factor in protecting knees later in life.

Repetitive activities that stress the use of the knee muscles may be the key to developing protective reflexes. These muscle conditioning activities are needed early in life because there is little doubt that the developing neuromuscular system in children is much easier to train. Therefore, if the goal is protective reflexes for rigorous sports in the teenage years and beyond, training and conditioning may be most productive when undertaken at an early age.

Unfortunately, many female high school and college athletes of today did not have those opportunities available to them in the formative years. This may explain the epidemic rate of knee ligament injuries in female athletes.

Current research at the University of Michigan, in cooperation with Laura Huston M.S. at MedSport, has examined elite, high school and recreational female athletes. This research has confirmed many suspicions about the muscle

protection system of women. Namely, women did not use their muscles as well as men to protect their knees.

Women's knees are looser than men's and women use their muscles differently than men. Female athletes tend to use their quadriceps muscles more for knee protection while men use their hamstrings more efficiently. Current research is investigating the ability to alter these protective patterns with training and conditioning.

Most recently, a survey conducted by MedSport and Cincinnati Sportsmedicine (Drs. Lindenfeld and Hewett) of 60 young female athletes who tore their anterior cruciate ligaments in non-contact situations has shown that the female hormonal cycle may also be a significant factor in these injuries. The results of the study indicate that a higher injury rate is seen in the premenstrual portion of the female monthly cycle. Interestingly, previous research in this area has shown decreases in other neuromuscular functions during the same part of the monthly cycle.

Where these studies will end is unclear at this point, but it is safe to say that improving lower extremity muscle function will play a role in lowering the devastating rate of knee ligament injuries among female athletes.

Edward Wojtyls, M.D., is a practicing physician at MedSport, which is part of the University of Michigan Health System. For questions, please call (313) 998-7408.

Health Notes

CPR

Knowing cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) could mean the difference between life and death in a medical emergency. Learn how to be a life saver at St. Mary Hospital's Basic Life Support Adult Heartsaver course on Tuesday, April 22, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Pavilion Conference Room B near the south entrance.

This American Heart Association class will describe risk factors for heart disease, signs and actions for survival for the person having a heart attack, and what to do in a breathing or heart emergency. Also covered is one-person rescue and the Heimlich maneuver. The \$20 class fee covers course materials. A course participation card is issued.

To register, please call St. Mary Hospital Community Outreach Department at (313) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

Screenings

The University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center and department of Otolaryngology are offering free throat cancer screenings on Saturday, April 26, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the Taubman Health Care Center in Ann Arbor. Symptoms of throat cancer may include a sore throat or hoarseness that won't go away and difficulty swallowing. Smoking, chewing tobacco and drinking alcohol are all risk factors for throat cancer. Exams will take less than 45 minutes, and a complimentary parking voucher or round-trip AATA bus pass will be provided. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call the Cancer AnswerLine nurses at 1-800-865-1125.

Stop Smoking

If you're ready to kick the tobacco habit, St. Mary Hospital has the class for you. The two-week, four-session Smoke-Free Living Class will be offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, from May 5 through 15, in the lower level Classroom E.

The Smoke-Free Living Class is a two-week program to help individuals quit smoking. The class covers the effects of smoking, benefits of quitting, what to expect when you quit, coping techniques and strategies on staying smoke-free. The program is designed to give you the tools, confidence and support you need to eliminate your smoking habit. The \$25 fee includes all materials.

Deadline for registration is Thursday, May 1. To register, call the Community Outreach Department toll free at 1-800-494-1650.

Health education library

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open

to the public.

The library has books, video tapes, computer databases, pamphlets and anatomical models available to the public which can be used to learn about illnesses, medications, parenting skills or other health issues.

The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810) 380-4110 for more information.

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.

Diabetes Series

Diabetes patients and their family members are invited to a three-part series on living a healthy life with diabetes. The series will be held in the second floor auditorium at DMC Health Care Centers-Novi, located at 41935 W. Twelve Mile Road. There is no fee to attend, but preregistration is required. To register, call (810) 347-8102.

Series meets on the following Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

- Wednesday, April 23 - Disease Process of Diabetes and Treatment Modalities, presented by Dr. Kirit Tolia, Dr. Henry Kaine, and Debra Consiglio, RN, CDE.

- Wednesday, April 30 - Foot Care, Neuropathy, and Vascular Disease, presented by Dr. Herbert Lantor and Dr. Kirit Tolia.

- Wednesday, May 14 - Nutrition and Meal Planning, presented by Debra Consiglio, RN, CDE.

Diabetes-Cize

This is a 10-week comprehensive exercise program co-sponsored by Health Development Network and Cardio-Care of Botsford General Hospital. The program will help people with diabetes better control blood sugar levels and improve cardiovascular fitness.

For more information, call (810) 477-6100.

E-Z Yoga

This six-week class enhances flexibility, strengthens muscles, improves breathing and promotes relaxation. Day and evening classes

are available.

The fee is \$30-40. Call the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, (810) 473-5600 to register.

Fitness Fun (Starting with Chairs)

This program is geared toward the older adult who wants to move from a sedentary lifestyle into a moderate exercise program.

There is a \$25 fee and a registration is required. Contact the Botsford Center for Health Improvement, (810) 473-5600, to register.

Prostate Cancer Educational 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.

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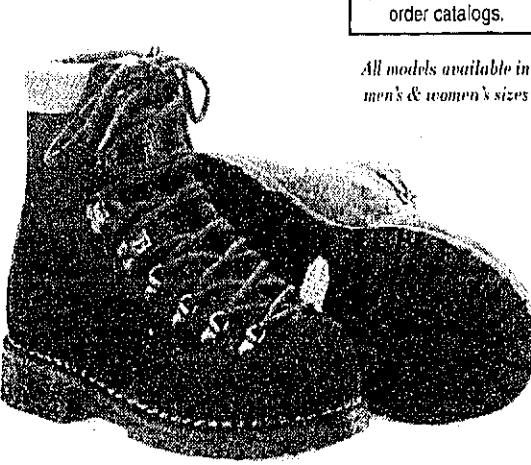
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