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Board grows impatient with land buy deal

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The Novi schools Board of Education is sick of playing games.

Ready and waiting to begin construction on the \$25 million middle school, approved and funded by voters in 1995, the district's hands are tied by confidential negotiations between the landowner of the Eleven Mile Road property and the City of Novi.

"The property is being held hostage for various parties to play games with," said Board President Raymond Byers in frustration last week.

The land, approximately 50 acres, belonging to Harvest Land Company, is part of a 900-acre parcel Harvest wants to develop as single family and cluster homes around a large lake. Harvest, the city and the district began talks nearly two years ago about dividing up the land.

Byers' concerns were echoed by

How much credit does a developer get for preserving open space? That remained one of the hottest public issues in town last week as the Novi City Council continued its debate over the proposed revisions to the RUD ordinance. The story appears on page 16A.

several other trustees during the school board meeting May 15.

"I get a little tired of people saying you haven't come through," said Trustee George Kortlandt. "We could build it on our own if the property owner would sell us this land on our own."

Yet Harvest has agreed to sell the land to the city first, which

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Patrolmen Mark Kohls, left, and Pat Fanning show off the proposed gear for a bike patrol unit.

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Plans ready for Novi cop bike patrol

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

You may not be surprised by screaming sirens and flashing lights, but you may find a smile and a wave hello from your friendly neighborhood bike patrol officer.

As part of a new trend called Community Policing, Novi cops are ready to take off with plans for a six-person bike patrol.

Although not set to necessarily peddle through residential subdivisions just yet, the hope is the program can be expanded.

"It seems to have great value in a wide range of communities," said Chief Douglas Shaeffer.

Funded through a \$26,000 federal grant administered by the Department of Justice, Novi now has four bikes and enough money for overtime pay for six cops.

The four officers and two sergeants are trained to use the bikes, Trek 7000s from Waterloo Wisconsin costing \$634 each, almost half of typical cost due to the ability of Novi police to jump on a promotional deal.

The bike patrol will only work overtime at first so as not to strip the regular patrols of officers, said Shaeffer. In addition, he said the patrol could be better used in more intense situations like the Michigan 50s Festival, which brings thousands of visitors to the city each summer.

However, Officer Thomas Lindberg said he hopes the day will come when the bike patrol can do more. There is a good possibility the patrol will operate on routine patrol soon. The department purchased bike racks for the patrol cars so officers can drive to a site, such as a subdivision, park and ride.

"You can get into a lot of different areas that you can't with patrol cars," said Lindberg, such as wooded trails, fields and parks.

Lindberg said the mountain bikes will enable the police to issue more ATV violations and locate teenage field parties. Cops will also be able to do surveillance work because people will be look-

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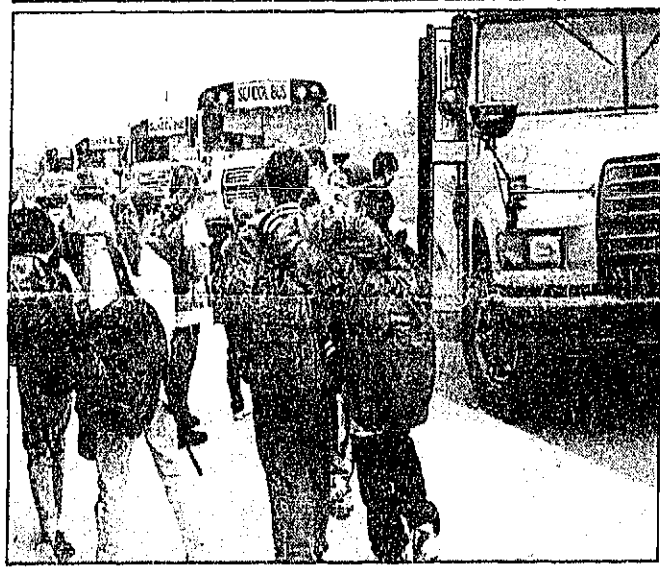


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Drivers park diagonally at Meadows so all of the buses can fit in the parking lot.

Traffic tops concerns over school grounds

Novi Community School District voters will head to the polls June 9 to decide on a \$5.5 million bond proposal that would improve the district's parking lots and access roads, athletic fields and playgrounds. The proposal was drafted by a committee of residents.

The following is part one in a three-part series that will look at what the district wants to do with taxpayers' money and why.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

If traffic-copters flew over many of Novi schools on any given day, pilots would report traffic tie-ups, cars waiting for parking spots, illegal parking and poor traffic

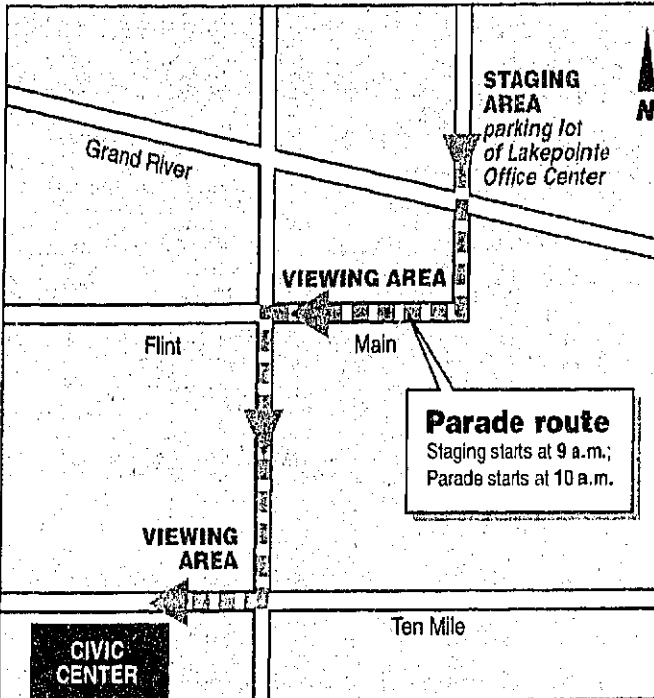
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Bond Proposal

flow. "We have people dropping off their kids in the morning in the bus lanes, and that needs to be redirected," said Board of Education Trustee John Balagna.

Novi school officials are hoping

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Novi Memorial Day Parade



Parade events set for Memorial Day

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If you love a parade, Novi's the place to be on Memorial Day.

The community is showing its colors in a 2.5-mile parade and three ceremonies.

Memorial Day was inaugurated in 1868 by Union Gen. John A. Logan, a senator from Illinois, as a time to decorate the graves of Northern soldiers and sailors fallen in the Civil War. The event was run the Grand Old Army of the Republic, a Northern veterans group, until the day became a national holiday.

While the GAR won't be there - the Novi chapter's now long defunct - almost everybody else will be, the Novi High School and Novi Middle School marching bands, the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, the Blue Star Mothers and the real representatives of the day, the veterans groups

including, the American Legion, the AMVETS and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

While this year's activities will include parade floats and representatives of local groups such as the Tim Pope Playstructure Committee and the Michigan 50s Festival, Novi Public Relations Director Lou Martin said the city is urging residents to remember the solemn reason for the day.

The staging area for the parade is at the Lakepointe Office Center, across Town Center Drive from the shopping center's cinema.

Stagging begins at 9 a.m. and the parade steps off at 10 a.m.

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is urging anyone who wants to be in the parade to join in behind the Walk Michigan banner. Sign up no later than 9:45 a.m. This the kick-off event

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In today's issue



A special section ...

WOMEN in the KNOW

Vets boycott parade over flag ordinance

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The few, the proud - the ones you won't be seeing at this year's Memorial Day Parade.

Because of Novi's flag ordinance, the local Marine Corps league is boycotting the annual event and will march in the Northville parade instead.

In October 1996, the Novi Planning Commission approved a series of revisions that would restrict to one flag pole, for the flying of the American flag, per each business and commercial property and permit that flag to be no bigger than 60 square feet. Houses and apartments do not fall under the regulation, which is

part of the city's sign ordinances. The idea was to prevent businesses from attracting attention by unfurling one or more gigantic flags, but the result was a flurry of protests that the ruling was downright "un-American."

"I'm very aggravated with the city and the planning commission because of the flag ordinance," said Dave Owen, commander of the Marine Corps League.

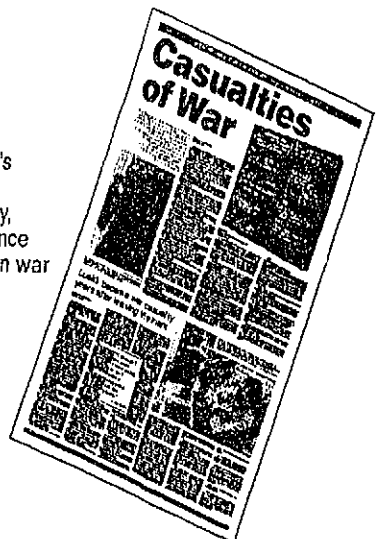
"They have no right to call the American flag a sign and place it under the sign ordinance. That's very disrespectful and it smacks of politics. That was a slap in the face to the Marines."

Novi Parks and Recreation

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Special Memorial Day Feature

Vietnam was our nation's most unpopular conflict, but the stories of bravery, hardship and perseverance from the Southeast Asian war are as compelling as those from any other battleground. We pay a tribute in this edition to our local Vietnam veterans in a report on pages 14 & 15.



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Community Calendar

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

Friday, May 23

Yard Sale
Victory Lutheran Church, AAL Branch 448, 27563 Meadowbrook Rd., just south of Twelve Mile Road. Is holding a yard sale from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Bag days are Sunday, May 25, from 1-5 p.m. and Monday, May 26, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Monday, May 26

Memorial Holiday
Have a safe and happy holiday. City offices, recycling center and public library are closed.

Tuesday, May 27

Business Network International
The Novi Chapter of Business Network International meets from 7:30 a.m. at Brady's Restaurant in the Holiday Inn, Grand River and Ten Mile Road. For more information call (313) 844-3432.

ZONTA

The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 9 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel between Seven and Eight Mile roads off I-275. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

Civil Air Patrol

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

Youth Assistance

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

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REAL ESTATE WEEKLY

By John DiMora

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The impending arrival of a new baby is an important catalyst for many couples to plan a move. You may need more space or prefer a larger yard or a street with less traffic. Having a baby represents a profound change in life, and your thoughts about housing suddenly begin to include considerations about schools, neighborhood playgrounds, and other families with young children.

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Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. For more information, call Janet at (810)476-5934.

Band rehearsal

The Novi Concert Band rehearses at 7:30 p.m. in the band room at Novi High School. Anyone interested should contact Jack Kopnick at 932-9244.

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.

Lions Club

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

Senior Social

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

Business Network International

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

Novi Perennial Exchange

Novi's Beautification Commission presents its annual perennial exchange (rain or shine) from 9 a.m.-noon at Old Township Hall, Ten Mile east of Taft Rd. Trade your surplus healthy plants for something you've always wanted. For more information call the Public Information Office at 347-0494.

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City Council

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

Health tests

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

Village Oaks PTO (VOICE)

The Village Oaks PTO will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Village Oaks School Media Center, 23333 Willowbrook Road.

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 348-6010 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Senior Meeting

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

Civil Air Patrol

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Menopause Support Group

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

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Local agencies receive CROP Walk funding

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Two local agencies received \$1,000 each from money raised last year by the Novi/Northville CROP Walk.

The Novi Emergency Food Fund and the Northville Civic Center were awarded with the funds April 29 at a celebration dinner for the CROP Walk held at the Meadowbrook Congregational Church.

Pastor Richard Henderson, of Faith Community Church, said the CROP Walk money will provide a substantial chunk of change for the Novi program as it is supported only by donations from the churches and individuals.

"We provide supplemental food for low income people in Novi," said Henderson.

He said that every other Monday morning a group of Novi volunteers meet at the Faith Community Church to organize and distribute the non-perishable items to an average of 20-30 families. There are approximately 45 families on the list.

"In the winter when the heating bills go up we see more people," Henderson said.

"A lot of that need is hidden in the community. You tend to see big homes and demonstrations of affluence, but there are pockets of poverty here," Henderson explained.

He said the elderly and young couples with children are typical users of the program.

The Novi Emergency Food fund was set up in the 1980s at the request of then-governor William Milliken, who asked each community to design an emergency food program. The Novi Ministers Association took on the cause and has



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Can do
Novi Faith Community Church Emergency Food Program volunteers Marty Greer, left, and Meg Mann (with Abby, 1, in arms), helped to put together cans of donated and other government surplus foodstuffs at the church Monday morning for about 14 needy families. The church runs the pantry every other Monday and has specific guidelines as to which families are eligible.

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by Dennis E. Engerer, P.T. and Patricia Westerbur, P.T.

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Police investigate auto break-ins

Novi Police are investigating four car break-ins at the Woodland Glen Apartments the night of May 13. Police said unknown suspects either smashed windows or busted door locks to gain entry to two Chevy Cavaliers, a Dodge Caravan and a Chrysler Sebring. Car stereos and cellular phones were taken.

Police News

SCHOOL DAMAGED

Seven windows at Orchard Hills Elementary were shot out with a BB gun May 17.

Police said witnesses saw three teenage, white males near the building and heard glass shattering shortly thereafter. However, police found no one near the building when they arrived.

SALON SHOPLIFTER

A 40-year-old Walled Lake woman spat at, swore at and swung at a Novi police officer May 17 as she was questioned about a suspected shoplifting incident at Heidi's Salon.

Police said witnesses saw the woman place two hair care products in her purse that night while in the salon and attempt to leave without paying. The woman was questioned and taken to security by salon personnel. Then the police were called.

When officers arrived, she became belligerent, yelling that she was being treated like garbage and that she was a registered nurse. She taunted a police officer about her hair color and began to swear and yell at the officers.

The final straw was when she yelled "I oughta" and swung an upper cut punch at the officer. She was promptly handcuffed and taken to the station and served with a warrant for shoplifting and assaulting a police officer.

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Officers checked the subject's car and found no sign of the stereo. The men were released without incident.

DRUNK DRIVING

Novi police arrested a 40-year-old Grosse Ile man found driving under the influence of alcohol, May 16.

Police said the man was driving erratically and rear-ended another driver on Twelve Mile and Novi roads.

Witnesses told police "He was all over the road cutting off traffic." He failed several sobriety tests and officers found two 16 ounce beers on the front seat.

The unknown suspect in a robbery on Lakeview Court left behind only one clue, a bottle of Zima beer.

Police said the apartment showed no signs of force, however the owner reports a 5600 Smith and Wesson handgun, as well as another handgun, a VCR, \$60 in change and ammunition was missing from the apartment early in May.

Citizens with information about these incidents should call 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

June election update

Anyone who wishes to be considered as a write-in candidate for the Novi Board of Education must file a declaration of intent with the school board secretary or administration of the Novi Community School District. The deadline to file notice is 4 p.m. on the Friday preceding the election, in this case June 6. The filing is part of Law Public Act 481 approved by the state legislature in March. Write-in votes for a school board candidate who has not filed a declaration of intent do not count, according to the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Legislation.

All-Night Party Request

Novi High School parents are once again gearing up for the All Night Senior Party for the 1997 graduating class. The party is traditionally held each year after graduation ceremonies to keep seniors in a safe and fun environment that doesn't include alcohol. This year's party is set for June 8. While specific plans for the party are top secret until the night of the event, in previous years the party has included Karaoke, fortune tellers, a casino and lots and lots of food. In order to keep the cost of tickets to \$35, party organizers are asking local merchants for their continued financial support of the project. Many businesses also donate products or services in lieu of money.

Four seats up for election

Up for grabs in November 1997 are the jobs of mayor of Novi and those of four city council members. Anyone interested in entering the fray can pick up a petition at the Novi City Clerk's office. The first day you can actually turn that petition in is Monday, June 23. Each petition must have 100 signatures, or the applicant can pay \$100. The last day to turn a petition in is July 11 by 4 p.m. With five spots on a seven-member council open because of two positions filled by appointees, this is considered to be an unprecedented election year for Novi.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending May 18. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, MAY 12

Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 12:22 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45701 Grand River, 1:39 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45125 Ten Mile Road, 3:32 a.m., Squad 3.
Truck fire, I-96 and Haggerty, 8:09 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 22474 Brook Forest, 8:52 a.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 24505 Meadowbrook, 1:55 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Service, 39594 Blakeston, 2:03 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 21880 Arbor, 5:11 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 24141 Novi Road, 10:18 p.m., Squad 3.

TUESDAY, MAY 13

Investigation, 43075 Crescent, 1:17 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 43420 Twelve Mile Road, 8:47 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, Hutson's-Twelve Oaks, 12:44 p.m., Squad 1.
Investigation, 40480 Ladene, 3:20 p.m., Squad 3.
Dumpster fire, 39575 Ten Mile Road, 5:25 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 27500 Novi Road, 7:09 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14

Fire alarm, Novi High School, 6:14 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 48801 Eleven Mile Road, 7:54 a.m., Squad 4.
Stand by, Grand River and Market, 9:21 a.m., Response 510.
Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile Road, 12:13 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Rubbish fire, Nine Mile and Beck Road, 1:11 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, 40000 Grand River, 2:08 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 38786 Village Wood, 4:59 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 50974 Fremont, 7:25 p.m., Squad 4.
Medical, 26222 Carolina, 10:33 p.m., Squad 4.

THURSDAY, MAY 15

Medical, 42178 Gladwin Court, 2:41 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 24271 Weatherlane, 9:14 a.m., Squad 4.
Stand by, 42875 Grand River, 9:49 a.m., Response 510.
Medical, 27147 Barra, 10:28 a.m., Squad 1.
Stand by, Novi Road and Ten Mile, 1:07 p.m., Response 510.
Medical, 43125 Ten Mile Road, 7:06 p.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Pontiac Trail and West, 7:23 p.m., Squad 2.

FRIDAY, MAY 16

Medical, 42525 Wimbledon Way,

12:41 a.m., Squad 2.
Stand by, Connamara and Nine Mile, 9:57 a.m., Response 510.
Medical, 47250 Ten Mile Road, 2:10 p.m., Squad 4.
Investigation, 22715 Clearwater, 10:32 p.m., Squad 3.

SATURDAY, MAY 17

Medical, 30970 Westgate, 1:56 a.m., Squad 2.
Stand by, Ten and Novi Road, 9:01 a.m., Response 510.
Stand by, Grand River and Market, 10:14 a.m., Response 510.
Medical, 22410 Mill Pond Lane, 11:53 a.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Novi Road and Nine Mile, 2:25 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, Twelve Mile and Novi Road, 3:35 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 29075 Haggerty, 6:16 p.m., Squad 2.
Fire alarm, Duana and Elm Court, 6:22 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 115 Eubank, 6:27 p.m., Squad 2.
Service, 39584 Blakeston, 6:29 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, MAY 18

Car fire, Twelve Mile and Beck Road, 10:25 a.m., Engine 4.
Investigation, 31139 Centennial, 11 a.m., Squad 2.
Grill fire, 23837 W. LeBost, 2:01 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 42162 Roscommon, 2:51 p.m., Squad 3.
Vehicle fire, Wetlands and Ledgeway, 2:54 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, Novi Road and I-96, 5:04 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 21555 Haggerty Road, 5:34 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 22875 Summerhouse, 7:41 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 42156 Pelston, 8 p.m., Squad 3.
Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile Road, 11:43 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
Fire alarm, 39465 Fourteen Mile Road, 11:52 p.m., Engines 3, 4.



Jumping for joy

Children jump for joy inside a moonwalk amusement ride at last Friday's Parkview Elementary School Funfair, held at the school. There were many games of skill and chance inside the

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Students beautify roadway

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If you saw 60 teens carrying large bags last weekend, it wasn't a mass running-away-from-home episode.

Saturday, the Novi High School National Honor Society was out there picking up the trash on the side of arterial roads in Novi.

Marty Feldman Chevrolet pro-

vided the bags, the gloves and some of the transportation.

And the entire Novi Beautification Commission was behind it all 100 percent, chair Kathy Cosentino said.

"It went real well. They did a wonderful job. They said this was one of the best turn-outs they've ever had," she added.

This local effort was part of the

"Keep Michigan Beautiful" Clean-up Month.

After the young people had loaded up all those bags with the roadside litter, they were picked up and trucked away by City of Novi Department of Public Works staff.

For several years, Marty Feldman Chevrolet has sponsored this event.

Choir concert set for Thursday

The Novi High School Choirs present their annual Spring Concert Thursday, May 22. The concert is being held in conjunction with the Novi Community Schools "Festival of the Arts."

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. after the art awards presentation. It will feature a dramatic version of the songs from the highly acclaimed musical *Les Miserables*. Costumes, staging, scenery and props will be a part of this produc-

tion. Many fine Novi High choir students will perform solo in this production. Ross Barita will sing "Stars." Heikie Fifield will sing "In My Life." Janie Vandermass will present "Castle On A Cloud." Eric Anderson will perform "Bring Him Home." Brian Kleinfelt and Jessica Slating will sing "A Little Fall of Rain." And Tom Parrish and Eric Alpert will solo on "Master of the House."

All of the choir members will perform large group songs and provide dramatic background for each of the solo songs.

In a lighter fashion, the concert will start with selections from *South Pacific*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Evita*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Chess* and *Annie*.

There is no admission charge for the performance.

Flower swap on tap for city

Want to swap a day lily for a penny?

You'll have your chance on Saturday, May 31 at the Novi Beautification Commission's second annual Perennial Exchange.

Gardeners bring in their healthy surplus plants and trade them with other green-thumb types. Regardless of weather, the swap will be held at the old Novi Township Hall from 9 a.m. to noon.

Perennials have this tendency to

get overgrown, so dividing the plants is a healthy endeavor.

The idea is you bring your own plants, wrapped in plastic bags or in paper cups and barter with others.

"We sell nothing. We also do not have any perennials to give away. Only those brought by the residents and friends will be available to exchange," Beautification Commission Chair Kathy Cosentino said.

Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions, too.

Last year's event brought 75 participants, but the number is expected to sprout higher this time around.

"We hope to get a good turnout this year - rain or shine," Cosentino added.

For more information, call Beautification Commission member Barbara Greenberg at 349-0194.

Festival of Arts ongoing at high school

The Novi Community School District will sponsor an annual Spring Festival of the Arts running through Thursday, May 22. This year's show, organized by the Novi art teachers, will showcase the artwork of more than 300 students from the district's seven schools.

The festival will be held from 6

to 9 p.m. in the Fuest Auditorium at Novi High School. In addition to the art displays, the middle school and high school bands will perform a spring concert. The high school band will perform Thursday.

The festival program and button art design was chosen from work

submitted by the art teachers. The winning design was developed by Arvid Nagarajan, a student at Orchard Hills Elementary School.

Novi High School is located at the corner of Taft and Ten Mile roads in Novi. The Spring Festival of the Arts is free and open to the public.

Offices closed during summer holidays

Secretary of State offices will be closed on the three traditional summer holidays. The branch offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day; Friday, July 4, for Independence Day; and Monday, Sept. 1, to observe Labor

Day.

The offices will reopen at 9 a.m. on the Tuesdays after Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Motorists whose driver licenses or license plates expire during these holidays are encouraged to

renew early, said Secretary of State Candice S. Miller. Customers may renew license plates by mail or by fax to avoid a trip to a branch office. When renewing by mail or fax motorists will receive tabs by mail within seven days.

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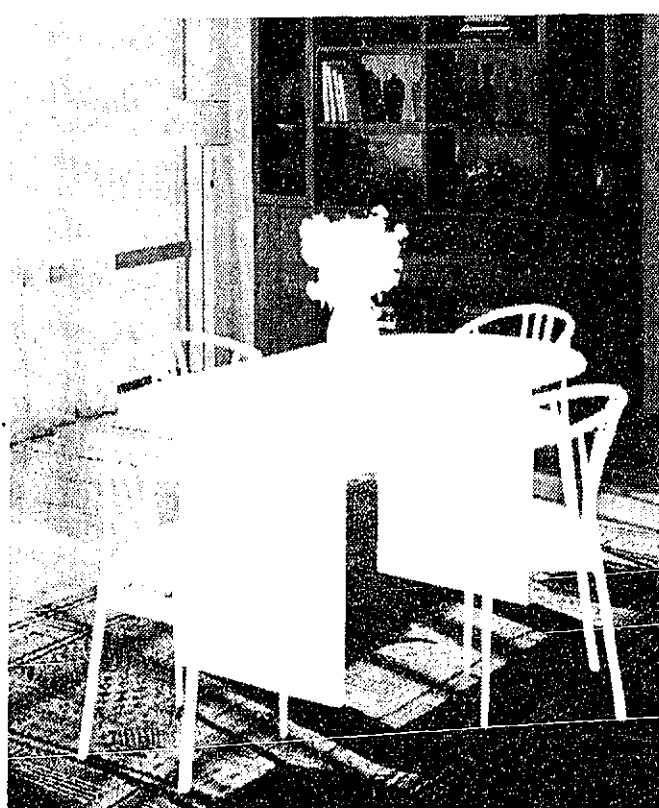
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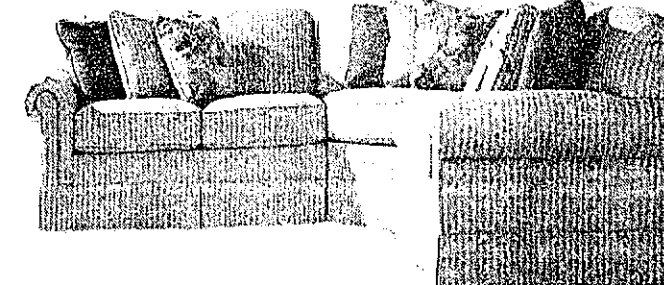
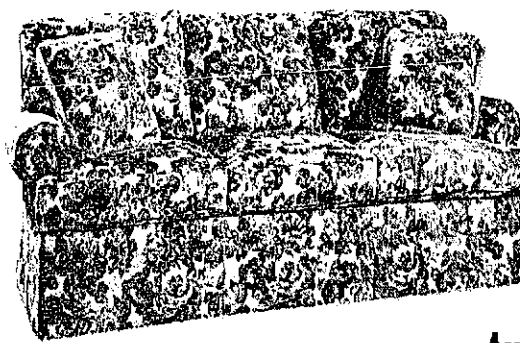
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Project Rainforest continues activities at Twelve Oaks

Here's a schedule for Project Rainforest activities at Twelve Oaks Mall, running now through June 22.

- Exploration Station: Project Rainforest - All mall hours.
- Venture through the rainforest with interactive technology: Search for animals with CD-ROM; explore rainforest web sites with high-speed connections; play rainforest survival games; create a computer-animated story or your own web page.
- Upper level, Lord & Taylor Court
 - "The Circle of Life" - All mall hours.
 - A laser movie, provided by The Detroit Science Center, Sand sculpture rainforest in Center Court.
 - Interactive Displays - All mall hours.
 - Spokes-creatures provide fun facts and educational information about the rainforest layers where they live.
 - Lower level throughout the center
 - Rainforest Products - All mall hours.
 - Every day and once-in-a-lifetime rainforest products from Twelve Oaks retailers.
 - Lower level throughout the center.

Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25

- "Flumpa and Friends LIVE!" - 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
- Interactive sing-along and dance-along with storyteller/songwriter Wendy Whitten. Mingle with a human-sized Flumpa and hear

tales of the adventurous tree frog, based on the award-winning story, "The Adventures of Flumpa and Friends."

Saturday, May 31 and Sunday, June 1

- "Rainforests of the World" - Saturday, noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.
- Learn about rainforest animals - and touch them too. The Living Science Foundation entertains and educates with living rainforest animals. Animals vary from show to show but include everything from alligator, iguana and python to toucan, lizard and Pantagontian cavy.

JCPenney Court

Saturday, June 7, and Sunday, June 8

- "Forest Trails and Jungle Tales" - 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
- Original rainforest songs, stories and drama from The Children's Theater of Michigan.

JCPenney Court

Saturday, June 14, and Sunday, June 15

- "Rainforests of the World" - Saturday, noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m.
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JCPenney Court

Gibby is as popular as ever

Kirk Gibson signs a copy of his new autobiography for Linda Strawser and her children, Eric and Erin, of Novi. Gibson was at Border's Books to promote his book, Bottom of the Ninth,

which recounts his experience as a high school recruit, a Michigan State University football and baseball player, Tiger team member and the end of his career with the Dodgers.

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there are upcoming vacancies on the Community Clubs Board of Trustees, Historical Commission, Library Board, Parks & Recreation Commission, and Planning Commission. Applications are available in the office of the City Clerk or by calling 347-0456. Council will be interviewing applicants Monday evening, June 9th. Please submit your application by June 4th to allow time for scheduling appointments.

(5-18/15/22/23 & 6-4-97 NR, NN) TONNI BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
1997-98 BUDGET**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council adopted the 1997-98 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Novi on Monday, May 12, 1997. Copies of the Budget are available at the office of the Finance Director.

(5-22-97 NR, NN 23405) TONNI L. BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 1997 at 4:30 p.m. at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for, Multi Building Company, Royal Crown Estates, Lot 252.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Works, Karen Amolsch, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 28, 1997.

(5-22-97 NR, NN 23552) W & S CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 97-123.07**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 97-123.07, an ordinance to amend Section 31-57 of the Novi Code of Ordinances to require the designation by number or letter of certain multiple-family residential structures.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 12, 1997. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(5-22-97 NR, NN 23150) TONNI L. BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Woodlands Review Board, of the City of Novi, will hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 28, 1997 at 4:30 p.m. at the City of Novi, Community Development Conference Room, Novi, Michigan to review the Woodlands Review Board Permit Application for, Timothy & Deborah Wagner, parcel #50-22-31-200-041.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend. Any written comments may be sent to the Department of Public Works, Karen Amolsch, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 28, 1997.

(5-22-97 NR, NN 23551) W & S CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 97-92.07**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 97-92.07, an ordinance to amend Section 35-745 of the Novi Code of Ordinances, to revise the offense of failing to produce a current driver's license and registration from a civil infraction to a misdemeanor, and to create a misdemeanor violation for failing to have an operator's or chauffeur's license in immediate possession at all times.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 12, 1997. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(5-22-97 NR, NN 23150) TONNI L. BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE
CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT
TUP 97-023**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Gary Cull is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow placement of a construction trailer at the Office Max project site, 21071 Haggerty Road, located on the north side of Eight Mile Road, west of Haggerty Road, from July 1, 1997 through January 1, 1998. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period of not longer than six months.

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

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 1997 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to May 28, 1997.

(5-22-97 NR, NN 23149)

**CITY OF NOVI
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
ORDINANCE NO. 97-37.18**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 97-37.18, an ordinance to amend Section 34-21, subsection 34-25(2)(c), Section 34-277 and subsection 34-322(b) of the Novi Code of Ordinances, to be consistent with both the language contained in other ordinance provisions and the actual practices of the Water and Sewer Department.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, May 12, 1997. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(5-22-97 NR, NN 23152) TONNI L. BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FOR
GRAND RIVER SIDEWALKS
CITY OF NOVI,
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

Sealed Proposals will be received by the City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, for construction of the GRAND RIVER SIDEWALKS, from the current Michigan Department of Transportation prequalifications at the City Offices, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, Michigan 48375, until 2:00 p.m., local prevailing time, Wednesday, June 11, 1997, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Principal items of work and approximate quantities include:

- Machine Grading - Modified 19.5 STA.
- Subgrade Undercut CL-III 600 C.Y.
- Remove Trees 8"-18" 15 EACH
- 4" Concrete Sidewalk w/4" CL-III Base and related items. 9,700 S.F.

Plans, Specifications and other Contract Documents may be examined at the office of the City Clerk or at the office of the Engineer, JCK & ASSOCIATES, INC., 45650 Grand River Ave., Novi, Michigan 48374, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on and after May 20, 1997. They may be obtained from the Engineer upon payment of \$25.00 per set, non-refundable. Documents will be mailed to prospective bidders upon request accompanied by an additional payment of \$50.00 per set, non-refundable.

NOTE: 1 EACH BIDDER SHALL FILE A STATEMENT SIGNED BY, OR ON BEHALF OF THE PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION OR CORPORATION SUBMITTING THE BID, CERTIFYING THAT SUCH PERSON, FIRM, ASSOCIATION, OR CORPORATION HAS NOT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ENTERED INTO ANY AGREEMENT, PARTICIPATED IN ANY COLLUSION, OR OTHERWISE TAKEN ANY ACTION, IN RESTRAINT OF FREE COMPETITIVE BIDDING IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUBMITTED BID. FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE SIGNED STATEMENT AS PART OF THE BID PROPOSAL WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE BID.

NOTE: 2 THIS IS A FEDERAL AID PROJECT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 113 OR TITLE 23 U.S.C. AS AMENDED BY THE FEDERAL AID HIGHWAY ACT OF 1988. THE DAVIS BACON ACT IS APPLICABLE AND REQUIRES THE SECRETARY OF LABOR TO DETERMINE THE MINIMUM WAGE RATES TO BE PAID BY THE CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTORS, WHICH RATES WILL BE GIVEN IN DETAIL IN THE PROPOSAL.

NOTE: 3 SUBJECT TO 60% LIMITATION ON SUBCONTRACTING.

NOTE: 4 NET CLASSIFICATION FOR THIS PROJECT IS 7B, BA, E, EA, OR J.

NOTE: 5 ALL WORK SHALL CONFORM TO REQUIREMENTS OF MOOT SSC 1990 EDITION.

Proposals shall be delivered to the office of the City Clerk.

Each Proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or a satisfactory bidder's bond in the amount of at least 5% percent of the total bid, drawn payable to the City of Novi as security that if the Proposal is accepted, the Bidder will execute the Contract and deliver acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Bonds within 14 calendar days after the award of the Contract.

Proposals which have been submitted shall not be withdrawn after the time set for opening of bids and shall remain open for a period of 90 days after opening of bids.

The City of Novi reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any informality or irregularity in any Proposal, in the interest of the City of Novi.

(5-22-97 NR, NN 23146) TONNI BARTHLOMEW, CITY CLERK

**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR BIDS
(1) 16-FOOT RESCUE VEHICLE**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for (1) 16-Foot Rescue Vehicle according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M., prevailing eastern time, June 5, 1997, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

**CITY OF NOVI
CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.,
Novi, MI 48375-3024**

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED (1) 16-FOOT RESCUE VEHICLE BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

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

CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR (810) 347-0446 (5-22-97 NR, NN 23408)

**ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION
NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF
NOVI COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN
TO BE HELD
JUNE 9, 1997**

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:
Please Take Notice that the annual election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 1997.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the annual school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2001.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

John P. Balagna
John A. Strel

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition will be submitted to the vote of the electors at the annual school election:

BONDING PROPOSAL

Shall Novi Community School District, Oakland County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of constructing, equipping, developing and/or improving elementary school playgrounds, outdoor physical education/athletic facilities, fields and structures, and developing and improving sites?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

**SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the annual school election on Monday, June 9, 1997, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the community college district residing in this school district.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected two (2) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2003.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

SIX YEAR TERMS
(NOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN 2)

Richard J. De Vries
Carol M. Strom

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
PRECINCT NO. 1
Voting Place: Instructional Technology Center, 25425 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 2
Voting Place: Orchard Hills Elementary School, 41900 Quiva, Novi, Michigan.

PRECINCT NO. 3
Voting Place: Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook, Novi, Michigan.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

JULIA ABRAMS
SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION (5-22-97 NR, NN 23422)

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**NOTICE - CITY OF NOVI
REQUEST FOR BIDS
RADIANT HEATING SYSTEM -
FIRE STATION #2 & #3**

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for a Radiant Heating System according to the specifications of the City of Novi.

Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M., prevailing eastern time, Wednesday, June 4, 1997, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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CAROL J. KALINOVIK, PURCHASING DIRECTOR
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All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED "RADIANT HEATING SYSTEM" BID AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

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

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any military veteran who is eligible to buy a \$5 special vehicle license plate under a bill that has cleared both chambers of the Michigan Legislature.

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Playscape Progress

Recent contributors

The Tim Pope Memorial Playscape Committee would like to publicly thank the following financial sponsors:

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Tents needed

The Tim Pope Memorial Playscape Committee is looking for five large (16-foot by 32-foot, or larger and preferably with sides) tents for use during the five-day community construction of the playscape. The tents will be required June 11-15 at the Novi Sports Park. If you have a tent which could be used, contact the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.

Novi Expo Business Challenge

To encourage Novi businesses to contribute towards the Tim Pope Playscape, the employees of the

Discounts given to vets by state

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

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Wed., June 11
Thurs., June 12
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I am unsure of my schedule. Call before construction begins.
Need childcare? Yes No How many? No

Name _____ Age _____
Name _____ Age _____
Name _____ Age _____

Send to: Novi Parks and Recreation Department, 45171 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375.

they have committed and additional \$2,500 - completing a total Novi Expo donation of \$5,000 towards the playscape.

Wanted - tools

Not only does the Playscape Committee need hundreds of volunteers, it will require hundreds of tools as well. Although many tools have been donated, the group still needs to borrow lots of "homeowner-type" tools to assist in the construction of the playscape. All tools lent towards the building of the playscape will be inspected upon delivery, tagged with the owners identification, and returned to the owner in the same or better condition than initially received.

The following is a list of tools needed:

- Quantity _____ Tool
- 45+ _____ Drill - 3/8 inch electric
- 50+ _____ Extension cords, 25-foot, #12 or #14 gauge wire
- 60+ _____ Hammers
- 20+ _____ Hardhats
- 40+ _____ Levels, 24-inch or longer
- 12+ _____ Routers
- 16+ _____ Belt Sanders
- 30+ _____ Circular Saws, 7 1/4

If you have one or more of the above listed tools and are interested in lending them to the construction of the playscape, contact Jeff Russell, Tool Committee Coordinator, at (810) 348-1951.

Tool drop off times will be Friday, June 6 from 6:30 p.m. to Saturday, June 7, 9-11:30 a.m.; Sunday, June 8, 3:30-6 p.m. Call as soon as possible to confirm tools and time for drop off.

Purchase of Special Equipment

Unique playscape items can be purchased and a plaque designating the donating individual/business/organization will be placed on or adjacent to the item. A complete list of playground equipment eligible for purchase can be obtained from the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.

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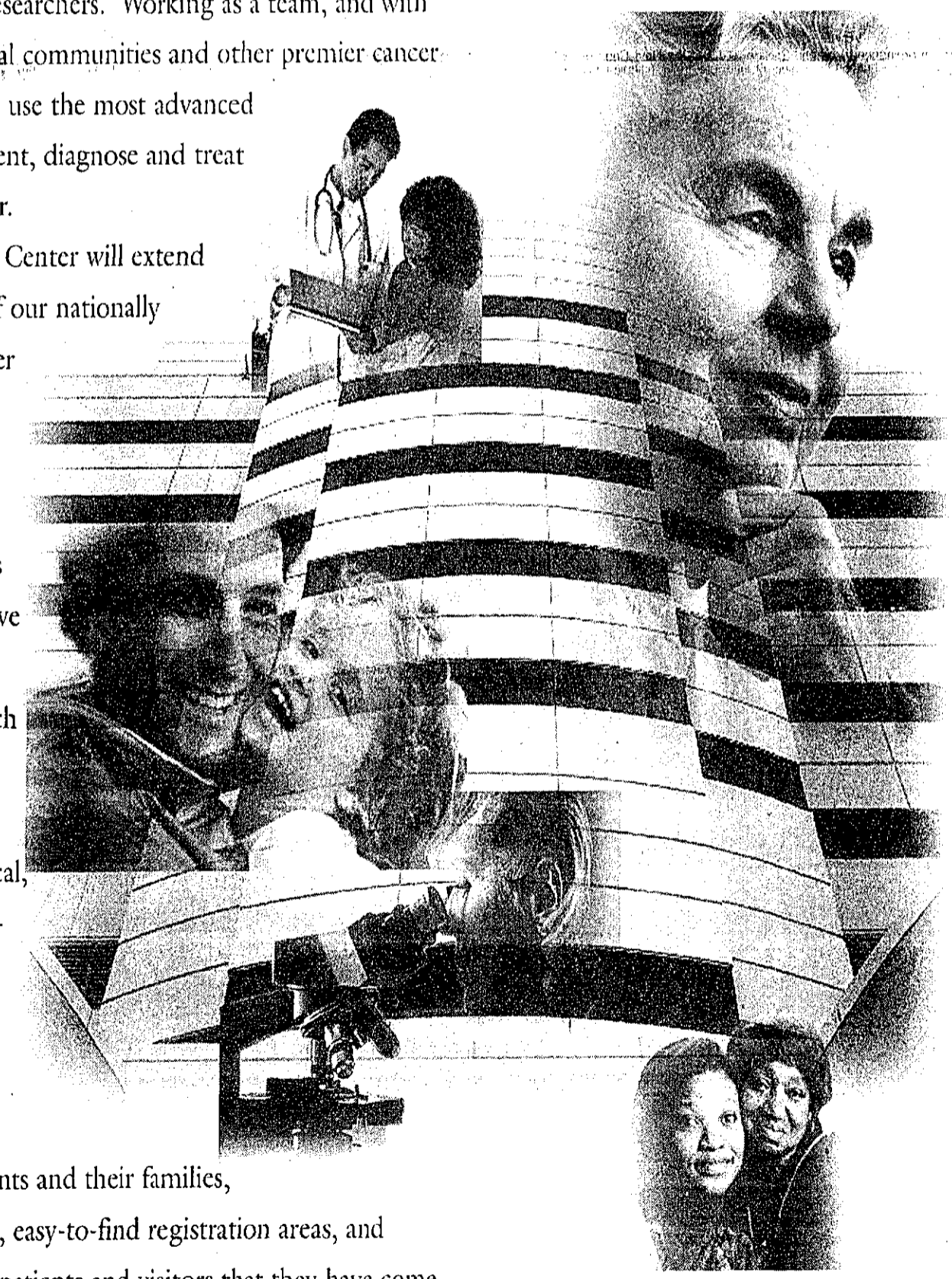
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Communication panel reports new ways to talk with residents

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The Communications Subcommittee of the Novi Board of Education has come back to the table with several suggestions for better communication with the community, but they all relate to one central idea — don't just disperse information, listen.

"Communication is sometimes just the giving of information and we tend to fail to make sure there is some type of understanding or connection," said Trustee Carol Elfring.

She and a committee of nine residents reviewed procedures and communication tools utilized by the district and found in order to make the give and take of information more effective, it won't take a whole lot of money, staff or time.

"These ideas are not expensive," said Trustee John Balagna. "There's not a lot of money involved here."

In fact, only a few suggestions required any monetary expense at all. "It goes to show not everything has to cost money," Elfring said.

Continued success of the school district is dependent on effective communication, she said, so the committee came up with several suggestions to set up more lines of

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ACCESS THE INTERNET

Committee member Debbie Madeja said one effective tool is the Internet and a new site called the Family Education Network. Now signed up and ready to begin constructing a Web page, the Family Education Network can link together Novi schools and other educational Web pages for Novi parents and students.

One of the features the committee hopes to include in the pages is a School Board page, explaining what the school board is supposed to do and what it is currently doing.

People do need to know what is that role," said Madeja, adding the page will list the Internet addresses and phone numbers of district trustees.

The Family Education Network

put together informational "welcome packets" for new families in the district. Many renters in the area already have their own version of such packets and are willing to share them with the district, she said. The city is also coordinating with the district in this effort.

Elfring said the administration and committee are working together to review the use of cable television.

Currently, the school board meetings are broadcast days later because the district does not have the ability to broadcast "live," Elfring said. The district will explore ways to become "live" and broadcast from various places by remote access truck and equipment.

In addition, the district will review lighting and sound issues that will make the viewing easier. The district will also attempt to post school board updates on cable more often.

"A lot of people really do rely on these broadcasts," Elfring said.

The committee also met with Kathy Crawford, who coordinates senior citizens programs for the City of Novi. By maintaining a relationship with the senior center, Elfring said the district will maintain contact with the senior citizens in Novi.

"We need to develop a contact with them more than just at voting time," Elfring said.

The committee recommended that the district send out newsletters to seniors and explore inter-generational programs with the district. Perhaps the district could teach senior citizens to use the computer technology at Novi schools during the summer, Elfring said.

Other suggestions for better communication included incorporating more of the board information into agenda packets for the school board meetings, having meeting greeters to make the audience more comfortable and holding "Meet the Board" sessions so the community can informally talk to the trustees.

MEMBERS

- Novi Schools Communications Committee Members:
- Carol Elfring, Trustee
 - Greg Capote, City of Novi economic development planner
 - Peter Cunningham, Novi parent
 - Nancy Hendricks, PTO representative
 - Diane Kovacs, community member
 - Terri MacDonough, Novi parent
 - Debbie Madeja, Parkview teacher and Novi parent
 - Jaya Harman, Novi parent
 - Susan Schramm, community member
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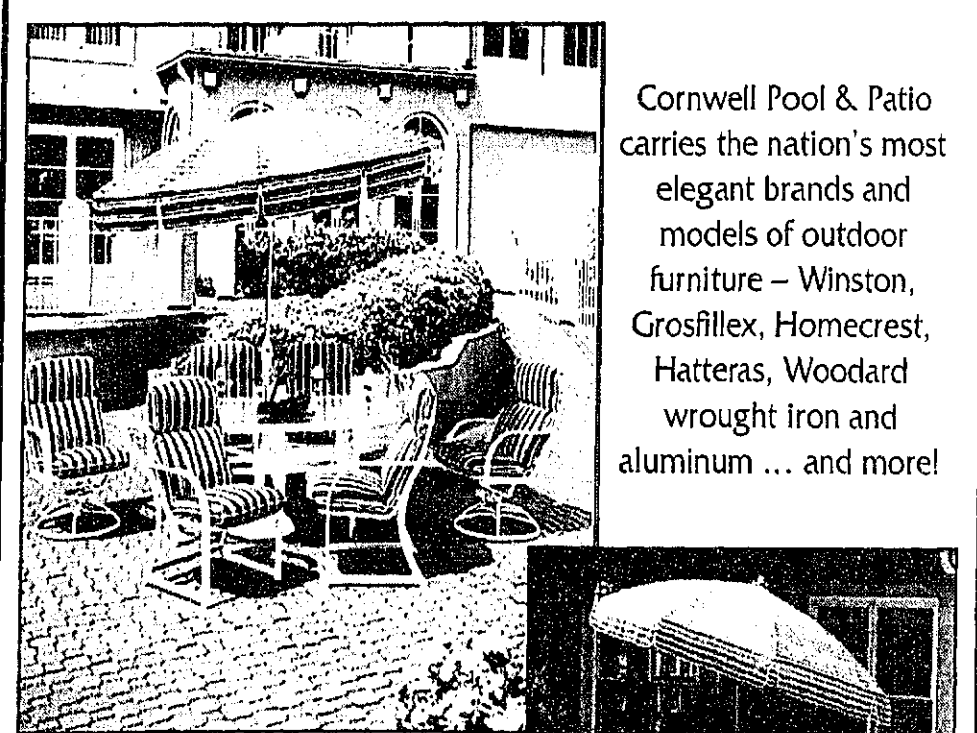
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Chamber Notes

The Novi Chamber of Commerce is an association of business and civic leaders whose purpose is to work together with the community to develop and promote the businesses and general interests of the City of Novi.

Community Involvement

Novi Chamber Charity Auction that was held in March raised \$5,000 for the Alternative Community Living Inc. A check was presented at the May meeting to benefit the mentally ill.

Novi Chamber is coordinating a Chamber day in which members will supply the volunteer labor on Friday afternoon June 13. Call (810) 349-3743 for more information.

The Chamber collected and donated \$1,900 at its March meeting, including a \$500 donation from the chamber and \$500 from the NBD. The remainder came from local businesses.

Blair Bowman and Novi Expo Center has issued Corporate Challenge to support the Tim Pope Playstructure. The Expo Center has pledged \$2,500 and will match up to \$2,500 more in matching funds. The offer stands through May 23. If interested in responding to the challenge, call the Novi Expo at 348-5600.

Events

Monthly chamber luncheon May 20, at noon at the Best Western Hotel. Non-members are welcome.

Business on the Internet discussion May 21, 7:30-9 a.m. at the Novi Expo.

After Hours Mixer May 21, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Vic's World Class Market. Shel Levine offers mini golf clinic.

Library Briefs

Michigan Week Presentation
The Novi Historical Commission will sponsor a storytelling session tonight by Larry Masiello entitled "Adventures in Michigan's Past." Masiello will use costume and dioramas to make history come alive. The program will be Thursday, May 22, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Novi Public Library.

Book discussion group
The Novi Library book discussion group will meet on Monday, June 2 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the library. The topic for discussion will be *Torilla Curtain* by T. Coraghessan Boyle. Books are available free of charge through inter-library loan. Call (248) 349-0720 to request a copy. The book club welcomes new members.



Showing them around
Brass Craft engineer Ron Green, left, shows a group of young women visiting during Bring Your Daughter to Work Day an aspect of computer-aided design that his company uses to design plumbing fixtures. The company saw about 18 girls visit its Orchard Hills Place business that day, and they were shown as much of the operation as would fit into a seven-hour day.

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St. Mary Hospital's Emergency Center now provides the convenience of Prompt Care.

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Something's fishy

Novi Middle School students Anshu Kumar, Saori Kumar (center) and Katherine Evaran (behind glass) take a look at some of the new additions to the school's aquarium in the media center. The fish and a filter were donated by Jan's Tropical Fish in Dearborn Heights.

Capitol capsules

State legislators drop 3,000 bills into the hopper in a two-year session of the Michigan Legislature, but few have received the fanfare given to Rep. Gerald Law's three-bill package to ban private ownership of wolf-dogs and other exotic pets.

Sen. Robert Geake, R-Northville, Michigan Humane Society chief Gary Tiscornia, Beth (the Wolf Lady) Duman, actress Tippi Hedren, the mother of a 5-year-old who was killed in 1989 by a hybrid-wolf and others crowded a Capitol conference room to launch the bills sponsored by Law, R-Plymouth.

Hybrid wolf-dogs are more dangerous than wolves because they are more unpredictable and have less fear of humans, according to the Michigan and American Veterinarian Medical associations.

"Eleven children have already been killed nationally by wolf-type pets," said Duman, a Howell resident and formerly of White Lake Township. In the 1970s she toured many schools with her timber wolf, Nahnani. She now is regional coordinator for the North American Wildlife Park Foundation of Battle Ground, Ind.

NO TO CIGARETTES

Both chambers of the Legislature are considering bills restricting cigarettes. Senate Bills 341, 445-455 and 461 would ban billboard advertising for cigarettes. SB 341 is sponsored by Loren Bennett, R-Canton. It's part of a package aimed at removing billboards from "scenic" and "heritage" routes.

"A parent cannot control their child's exposure to a five-story high camel or cowboy imploring them to indulge in the No. 1 cancer-causing drug, nicotine," Rick Jameson of Michigan United Conservation Clubs told a Senate Committee on Local, Urban and State Affairs.

TAX CUT BILL

Sen. Bill Bullard Jr., R-Milford, said he will introduce a bill to exempt more businesses from the single business tax (SBT).

Current law exempts businesses with gross receipts of \$250,000 or less and applies to about 40,000 businesses. Bullard, who chairs the Senate Taxation Committee, would raise that limit to \$500,000. There was no estimate of how many more businesses would be exempted or the reduction in revenue to the state treasury.

Why the proposal to take over local roadways?

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Q. Can you - or anybody - explain simply why the debate over fixing roads has become so complicated?

A. We'll try. There are three elements.

• **More money.** This breaks down into a higher fuel and weight taxes, by other savings from the budget and a new federal aid.

• **Shifting control of 23,000 miles of county and municipal roads to the state, more than tripling the Department of Transportation's jurisdiction to 33,000 miles.**

• **Auto insurance - requiring drivers to buy less, if they wish, in order to pay for higher fuel taxes.**

Q. Any predictions on the tax question?

A. Yes. Up. Details depend on what deal is struck between the governor, Senate and House; between Democrats and Republicans. It's a money question, and money always can be compromised.

In the House, look for most of the 70 representatives who can't run in 1998 because of term limits to provide the bulk of the yes votes, leaving the first- and second-termers to vote no. That's what happened with the Proposal A tax increases of 1994.

Q. Gov. John Engler campaigns on "Promises made, promises kept." Did he ever promise to take over 23,000 miles of local roads?

A. No, not in 1990, not in 1994. Neither did any legislators. In fact, shifting control of local roads to the state never has been an issue in any circle.

Actually, legislative pressure has been in the other direction - returning county roads and county money to townships, as proposed by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, to the consternation of the Wayne County administration.

Q. So why raise the state control question now?

A. Politics. The effect has been to focus bad attention onto county and municipal road people, the ones who have been agitating for higher fuel taxes.

Engler certainly has shifted 180 degrees from his pre-1995 advocacy of local budgeting by school districts. On roads, Engler is a statist.

Q. Is there any merit to Engler's proposal to shift control of roads?

A. Sen. Douglas Carl, R-Macomb, says there is, and he chairs the Senate Transportation Committee. "Drivers don't care about jurisdictional disputes and

about the 13 different classifications of roads. They care about safe roads," he said on a WXYZ-TV "Spotlight" program Sunday.

Sen. Jim Berryman, D-Adrian, opposes it. A former mayor, Berryman said, "if the governor is going to take his whole proposal to a takeover of local roads, the issue is dead. No. 1, neither the governor nor the Legislature has the credibility to take over another 23,000 miles.

"No. 2, it's a horrible idea. It raises questions about street openings, curb cuts, municipal rights-of-way; you have rights-of-way easements that the municipalities receive revenues from. Who's going to be responsible? Are locals going to have to go to the state every time they want to dig?"

"I like local control."

Q. Say, isn't there some chance that public employees' unions are a target?

A. Some Democrats are muttering that. Counties' and big cities' road agencies are unionized. Engler proposes competitive bids for maintenance contracts, with counties and cities free to bid against private construction companies for state jobs.

The biggest fight will be state versus local control, an issue of principle. Compromise will be much tougher on the tax question.

Engler is making it a tie-bar issue - no more road money without a shift of control.

Republican Carl said it won't be any cheaper except to the extent that competitive bidding is introduced. Dewey Berrymann argues counties have lower administrative costs, hence are more efficient, than the state.

Q. Any details about which miles of county and local roads Engler has his eye on?

A. No. Rep. Tom Kelly, D-Wayne,

who serves on the House Appropriations subcommittee on transportation, said there's no bill drafted, as of last week.

Q. This insurance issue - ah, it looks as if the only way I can blunt the blow of higher fuel taxes is to cut my own insurance coverage. Are they serious?

A. Maybe not. Unlike the road control issue, the insurance isn't tied to fuel taxes.

The insurance issue may "fall off the table," as labor negotiators say.

Doug Ross, a Democratic gubernatorial candidate, says Engler is favoring his buddies in the insurance industry.

Larry Owen, East Lansing lawyer, says Engler is favoring auto insurers. "Linking this phony insurance scheme to a gas tax is John Engler's way of confusing consumers who just want their roads fixed," he said.

Ron Steffens, president and CEO of AAA Michigan, the state's largest auto insurer, laughs at the suggestion insurers would benefit.

"Our company would see its premiums reduced by \$100 million," he said, adding the governor's plan would bring Michigan closer to a pure no-fault system.

Steffens noted Engler isn't tie-barring his insurance proposal to the road issue though the governor will push both simultaneously.

Q. Everyone in Michigan knows, and many tourists here know, that big trucks are breaking up our roads - those 11-axle, 42-wheel monsters...

A. Everyone but the MDOT engineers and some politicians. Michigan's truck weight limit is 160,000 pounds, while most other states limit trucks to 80,000 pounds.

Democrat Berryman said his bills would set an 80,000-pound limit. Republican Carl said weight-

per-axle is more important.

AAA's Steffens says one monster truck does as much damage as 9,600 passenger vehicles.

Southeastern Michigan's freeze-thaw cycles are an important factor. When the ground freezes permanently for the entire winter, the road bed is solid. But where the ground freezes and thaws unevenly, the road base is uneven, and pavement damages (alias "pot-holes" result. The winter of 1996-7 saw an unusual amount of freezing and thawing.

Rather than limiting truck weights, Engler proposes raising commercial truck fees by \$38 million, about a 7.5 percent increase over the current \$500 million a year.

The answer to the truck question may lie in the lobbying strength of the trucking industry and Teamsters Union rather than in principles of civil engineering.

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OCC head gets raise from board

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Richard Thompson got a 3 percent pay hike after his first year as chancellor of Oakland Community College.

After evaluating him in a closed session, the OCC board voted him a salary of \$123,600 retroactive to March 19, the anniversary his first year at the helm of the five-campus college.

In 1998, his third year, Thompson will receive any salary increase as part of his annuity, a college spokesman reported.

Trustees said they would meet with the chancellor as a committee-of-the-whole during their June 16 session to work on joint board-chancellor objectives for the next six months.

The first "internal" chancellor in OCC's 33-year history, Thompson, a Milford resident, had been president of two campuses, a vice-chancellor and a counselor when he was voted the top job 14 months ago. He succeeded Patsy Calkins, whose contract was bought out by the board after four and one-half years.

Thompson outlined his own set of goals earlier in the year, emphasizing team effort to carry out goals and holding the line on personnel costs.

NEW FACES

Nancy Wade of Livonia started this week as director of financial services, a new position. A certified public accountant, she holds an associate degree from Henry Ford Community College at University of Michigan-Dearborn. Previously she was an audit supervisor for Wayne County.

Karon S. Schwartz was appointed dean of nursing on the Highland Lakes Campus. Previously she was at Glen Oaks Community College in Centerville.

Charles B. Martin was appointed interim dean of academic and student services on the Orchard Ridge Campus. Previously he taught computer sciences.

Joseph D. Maeri, dean of public services, was transferred to the Auburn Hills Campus from the Southfield Campus.

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Casualties of War

In Michigan, more than 2000 men and women perished in Vietnam or are officially regarded as missing. Nine men from Novi and Northville ended their young lives in the conflict from 1965 to 1971, and many others returned bearing lifelong scars from their experiences. For two young Novi servicemen and a Northville woman whose son took to the skies over southeast Asia, Vietnam changed their lives forever. Here are their stories.



Mike Nash, chairman of the National POW-MIA Committee for Vietnam Veterans of America views the memorial wall at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Lualdi became war casualty years after leaving Vietnam

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

At first it looked like Green Bert Special Forces Airborne Sgt. Carl Anthony Lualdi made it through his two years in Vietnam unscathed. Then, in 1981, he was diagnosed with muscular sclerosis. For 12 years, the man who used to run six miles a day and train horses has been virtually bedridden.

"More than likely, it's due to Agent Orange. We would use the Agent Orange to defoliate and a lot of the food was grown in that," Lualdi, a Novi resident, said.

Before his illness, Lualdi was the kind of guy his mother said "could fall in s— and come up smelling like a rose." Where other draftees ended up in the jungle, he spent his time working for the top brass.

Called up in 1970, Lualdi, then 22, was offered the chance to attend West Point but turned it down because he already had a college degree and didn't want a military career. Lualdi is fluent in French and also had strong typing and shorthand skills. He appeared to be headed for NATO headquarters in Brussels.

left in his tour of duty. Lualdi was strongly urged by Baldwin's replacement, Gen. Frederick Kroesen, to stay on in Vietnam for another year. Kroesen promoted him from specialist to sergeant and made Lualdi his aide de camp, a job traditionally held by a West Point graduate captain or lieutenant. For an enlisted man, the assignment was almost unprecedented in Army history.

"Gen. Kroesen said you are the second most important person in the U.S. Army. The first one worked for Gen. Custer. I sure hope we have better luck than the other one did," Lualdi said.

"The aide de camp does everything. He gets the general's orders and where he's supposed to be. He arranges the general's day."

He was also the only enlisted man to dine in the commanding general's mess hall. Much of his time in Vietnam was spent viewing the war from a helicopter at the side of a general.

"I ended up flying eight hours a day. We were shot out of the air three times, but if you have a good pilot, which we did, a helicopter can land on auto rotary. It's a straight drop," he said.

connection between his MS and his contact with the chemical. In Vietnam, he could type 120 words a minute. Today, he peeks at the keyboard with one finger.

Today, the Veterans Administration lists 11 diseases presumed to be linked to Agent Orange exposure, including respiratory cancer, Hodgkin's Disease and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. While MS is not among them, the list continues to grow.

Current research is also focusing on spinal bifida in children of Vietnam veterans. Regardless of any link with Agent Orange, the Veterans Administration considers MS to be a service-related disability, if the individual is diagnosed within seven years of discharge, according to Henry Verner, the service officer in charge of the Detroit chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

"I was one year too late," Lualdi said. Lualdi's plans to earn a doctorate in humanities were derailed due to health conditions. He is unmarried and lives with an adopted son.

Last month, the Oakland County Christmas in April program built a wheelchair ramp at Lualdi's residence, making it easier for the veteran to leave his home. During the war, Lualdi was awarded one of the highest South Vietnamese honors.

The Chu Lai Division Headquarters of the 82nd Airborne was

Local servicemen killed in Vietnam. Information comes from 1960s and 1970s editions of *The Novi News* and *The Northville Record* and the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Wall Website.

1965

Richard Cronk, Marines, private first class, Age 19; died August 23

1966

Joseph Schuster, corporal, Age 23; died June 1

Gerald Allan Holman, Navy, Lt. jg, Age 27; died Dec. 14

1967

Robert Allen Strange, Army, private first class, Age 20; died July 13

1968

Robert Arthur Gregory, Army, specialist first class, Age 31; died Sept. 19

1969

Robert John Regenhardt, Army, private first class, Age 20; died March 17

Roy "Ken" Williams, Jr., warrant officer, Age 19; died June 25

1970

Craig Thomas Reska, Army, private first class, Age 20; died Nov. 12

1971

Richard Kelth Somers, Air Force, major, Age 36; died Feb. 25

symbol of hope, that there is still hope, no matter what."

A conversation with a former Vietnam POW inspired Tobias to build the memorial. He designed the monument in 1983 and it was dedicated on Sept. 23, 1985, National MIA/POW Day.

Since then, cemeteries in Illinois, Nevada, Louisiana and Wisconsin have built monuments patterned after the one in Novi. Currently, plans are under way for a state Vietnam memorial in Lansing.

"Seventeen years after the war is when the mourning began. It wasn't until the early 1980s and mid-1980s - 15 missing years when the Vietnam war was not openly discussed," Tobias said.

One of the groups most active with the Novi memorial is the M. Clemens Chapter 154 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, which holds a 24-hour vigil at the Novi site each September. In past years, the chapter, then under the leadership of Bob Deckers, was active in placing an eternal flame and flags at the memorial.

St. Clair Shores resident Mike Nash, the chairman of the National POW-MIA Committee for Vietnam Veterans of America, serves as master of ceremonies for the September vigil. Nash was in Vietnam from September 1969 to October 1971 as an Army Intelligence acting sergeant.

Last year, Nash and other national VVA leaders went back to Vietnam and established "a good rapport" with North Vietnamese veterans. Part of the mission was to exchange information about the missing on both sides.

The Vietnamese still do not know what happened to 400,000 of their own troops. To help out, the Vietnam Veterans of America is asking American veterans to return any wartime souvenirs, such as dog tags, that could assist the Vietnamese in establishing the identity of their own missing soldiers. Nash, who carried a Vietnamese gas mask to Hanoi, said this may also smooth the way for more information about lost Americans.

"That might lead to some lasting peace of mind for them," he explained. Stories about Americans still held prisoner in Southeast Asia have mainly proved false, he said, rumors spread by "people wanting to come to the U.S. to get money."

"If there are live Americans held against their will, they're probably in Laos. In Vietnam, it would be awful hard to hide people," Nash said.

"My heart says yes, but my brain says no." But Novi resident Tony Malla, who was held as a prisoner by the Viet Cong for five days before escaping, believes Americans may yet be incarcerated.

"POWs may still be out there. I think so by what I've been through. I don't know where, though," Malla said.

Malla said he backs the VVA's mission to help the Vietnamese find their own lost loved ones: "Anything that would help each other. It's time to heal."



Carl Lualdi, bedridden with Multiple Sclerosis, gazes at photos taken during his Vietnam experience. Lualdi, below, believes Agent Orange is responsible for his disease despite military claims to the contrary. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

north of Danang in Hue, the former capital of the emperors of Vietnam and a city rich in ancient Vietnamese culture. The division's region included the Demilitarized Zone. Hue was also the headquarters of the South Vietnamese Army.

Lualdi was assigned to work with South Vietnamese Lt. Gen. Nguyen Lam Trong for several days. But there wasn't enough to keep him busy and he hid out in the bathroom to read a book and smoke a cigarette. While there, he overheard several South Vietnamese generals hatching a plot against Gen. Nguyen. North of Hue, mobs of refugees were fleeing the Communists and Viet Cong were hiding among them. The idea was to have the general order the

ships to fly over and kill everyone, taking out both civilians and the VC."

"They would have the general issue the order so he would look bad," Lualdi explained.

He told Nguyen about the plan and a few days later, he was in the helicopter with the general when a call with the orders came in over the radio. Lualdi listened in and turned down the volume on the radio.

"He didn't order the gun ships because he didn't hear what he had to say. So he didn't disobey any order. If he'd done it, he would have probably been shot and it would have looked bad to the president of Vietnam," Lualdi said.

The grateful South Vietnamese general awarded Lualdi the Vietnam Distinguished Medal of Honor.

At command headquarters, Lualdi said they knew the U.S. troops were going to be pulled out. But the South Vietnamese Army was ill-prepared to take over the war. Lualdi said: "One day my boss had to go over and wake up the Vietnamese three star generals and say wake up, your airspace's been invaded."

"The war, Lualdi said, was 'unwinnable.' "The Americans were afraid of the Chinese and they were also afraid of the Russians. There was no damn way we could have won but we didn't know that at the time," he said.

Navy flyer's untimely death still haunts Northville woman

By ROBERT JACKSON
Staff Writer

A few lettered boxes and a couple of photo albums are all that Dorothy Holman has to remember her son, Jerry.

Holman, a longtime Northville resident, likes to bring out the boxes from time to time and carefully sort through their contents. Each item brings back a flood of memories - a photograph of the proud mother pinning on her son's naval aviator wings, a variety of ribbons and medals awarded to the young pilot during his naval career, and two sets of letters, chronicling Jerry's travels around the world.

Then there is the Western Union telegram, yellowed with age, the telegram's words still manage to leave a lump in Dorothy's throat despite the fact that it was delivered more than 31 years ago by a naval officer, whose knock on the door Dec. 14, 1966 changed Dorothy's life forever.

"We regret to inform you ...," Dorothy repeated in a wavering voice, her eyes not fixed on the telegram but on an image going back three decades. "That your son Gerald has been killed in action."

Her voice stopped as the memory took hold. "Even after 30 years I can't go through Jerry's things without getting emotional," she went on, almost apologetically. "The memories of him don't fade over the years, nor does the grief I feel having lost my son."

Her youngest son, Steve, sitting across the living room, looked at his mother and shook his head slowly. "What they say is true," he said. "A parent should never outlive their child."

FUN LOVING AND ADVENTUROUS

Even before Gerald Holman enlisted as a naval aviator he was known to be fun-loving and adventurous, Dorothy remembered. "He was always doing something, going somewhere," she said. "He was extremely outgoing, well liked, and made friends easily."

"Jerry always had a positive attitude about everything he did."

After graduating from Livonia's Bentley High School, Holman took a summer-long hitchhiking trip through France. Along the way he met what is famous film director Joshua Logan, and ended up working on the set of the movie *Fanny*, starring Leslie Caron and Charles Boyer.

"He was hitchhiking and Joshua Logan

happened to pick him up," Dorothy explained. "They struck up a conversation and Logan took an instant liking to him."

"When he dropped Jerry off at a youth hostel he told him he would be back the next day," she added. "Jerry had misunderstood him, he thought the man worked for a moving company. Before he knew it, Jerry was working on the set."

Holman returned to the states at the end of the summer and started his college career at Eastern Michigan University in the fall.

By 1962, the country had stepped up its involvement in the Southeast Asian country of Vietnam. Dorothy said that Jerry enlisted because he knew he would eventually be drafted.

"He knew he'd have to serve and he wanted to decide what branch of the service he would be in," she explained. "We were all a bit surprised when he chose to be a naval aviator, because he had never expressed the desire to fly before."

So Holman enlisted and was sent to flight school at Pensacola, Fla. Several months later he had earned his gold aviator's wings and was detached to Navy Squadron VAW-12, Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron, on the aircraft carrier USS Roosevelt CVA-42.

He had completed one deployment to the Gulf of Tonkin, off the coast of Vietnam, and was a month away from returning stateside from his second deployment when Holman, then a Lieutenant junior grade, left the carrier deck in a propeller driven E1-B "Willy Fudr" early warning aircraft the morning of Dec. 14, 1966.

It was just a routine mission, Dorothy Holman was later told, but the events that transpired that day, half-a-world away from the Holman's Northville home, ended in a way that was anything but routine.

"DIED TRYING TO SAVE HIS CREW"

The E1-B "Willy Fudr" served as the carrier battle group's eyes and ears in the sky. The first plane to take to the air during flight operations, with its crew of eight, kept the carrier battle group apprised of all ship and aircraft movements.

They took us to a base. We didn't know where it was. I thought that was it, we're never going to see home," he said.

During the five-day ordeal, Malla and the warrant officer were crammed into what he called "a dog kennel cage," a small underground pit covered by poisoned bamboo stalks. They were rarely allowed to sleep. It was the monsoon season and the hole was full of water.

The two Americans were questioned by the Communists every two to three hours. "There was a lot of interrogating. They were putting bamboo shoots up our fingernails. They put a wet cowhide band on my head and set me in the sun. It shrinks and puts pressure on your head. There was lots of other stuff that gets too gory to tell."

"Some don't know where it was. I thought that was it, we're never going to see home," he said.

After overhearing the guards say they were going to send the two Americans to Hanoi "where they could do a better job of getting us to talk," Malla and his companion made up their minds to escape.

"If it was time to get killed, we would. If not, we would survive. We'd let the Lord handle that," Malla said.

"We believe if we went to Hanoi, we'd never come back." Malla said the Viet Cong guards "partied" every night and got rip-roaring drunk. One evening when their guard was passed out, the prisoners pushed out of their pit, "ran like heck," and belly-crawled under the camp's barbed wire. They didn't know if the camp was surrounded

According to Navy accounts, Holman was piloting an E1-B that day and at sometime during the operation the aircraft experienced engine difficulty.

"They told us that one of the engines wouldn't feather properly and that Jerry was flying the plane back to attempt a landing on the aircraft carrier," Steve Holman explained. "Because of the engine problem Jerry couldn't bring the nose up enough to allow the tailhook to grab one of the carrier's four arresting wires, so he couldn't land on the carrier."

With no way to safely land the crippled aircraft aboard the Roosevelt, Jerry decided to attempt a controlled crash landing, or "ditch," in the ocean. When he attempted the maneuver, according to the Navy report, the aircraft broke in two pieces and quickly sank beneath the surface.

Holman, along with his copilot and one other crewmember, were killed in the crash. "They explained to us that the plane just broke up and because of the weight of all of the electronic gear, it sank before any of the rescue helicopters or ships could get to it," Steve Holman said.

"According to the letter we received from Jerry's commanding officer, Jerry's actions were heroic, that he died trying to save his crew."

"As a pilot Jerry was one of the most competent and thorough plane commanders I have ever known," wrote Squadron Commander Lt. Cmdr. Stuart Reynolds. "On his last flight, the manner in which he handled a highly difficult emergency situation was proficient in the extreme."

He was awarded his second Navy Combat Medal posthumously, and also received two Vietnam Campaign Medals and two National Defense Medals during his five years of military service.

Although he is officially listed as Missing in Action by the military, Holman's name appears on the wall of the Vietnam Memo-

Dorothy Holman, below, will never forget the day a naval officer showed up on her doorstep with news of the death of her son Gerald. At left, in the Gulf of Tonkin, The Navy flyer was awarded several combat medals.



rial in Washington, D.C., as well as the Vietnam Veteran's POW/MIA Memorial in Novi.

Gerald Holman was 27 when the crash occurred, just three days before younger brother Steve's 13th birthday.

"I have a lot of images of my brother," Steve said solemnly. "He wasn't in my life very long, but knowing that I have a brother that I'll never be able to see again is hard."

Dorothy Holman remembers getting the news of Gerald's death as if it had just happened. "It was in the evening and we were watching television," she recalled, her eyes again fixed on the memory. "There was a knock at the door and a naval officer wearing his dress blue uniform was standing outside. When I saw him I knew instantly that Jerry had been killed, and I remember feeling sorry for this officer for having to break the bad news."

For Dorothy Holman three decades have not erased the powerful feelings of loss.

"You would think after 30 years that it would get easier talking about it," Dorothy said. "But everyday I am aware of the loss of not having him around, knowing that he will never come back home again."

"All that we have left are the photos and letters to remind us of what he meant to all of us."

A prisoner of war for five long days, Malla kept ordeal secret for 14 years

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

For over a decade, Tony Malla couldn't tell anyone about his experiences in Vietnam.

Even his family and friends didn't know he spent five days as a prisoner of war, huddled in a water-filled cage when he wasn't being interrogated and tortured around the clock.

"I kept it in me for 14 years. I was really holding it in for a long time. It took a lot out of me. I felt guilty because I was captured," he said.

Now a resident of Stonehenge condominiums in Novi, Malla served from 1971 through 1972. He enlisted in the Army so he could choose his specialty, rather than be drafted and end up as a grunt. His first assignment was to Germany, but he was recruited to Vietnam.

Sent to the U.S. air base at Cam Ranh Bay, he was a Specialist 4, working with the computers that kept track of the base's helicopter and Cobra gunships.

The base was under fire nightly from enemy mortars. On Malla's first night, when he was "wet behind the ears," his roommate yanked him out of bed and into a bunker. Minutes later, their quarters were destroyed.

With his computer skills, Malla was flown all over Vietnam at a moment's notice. His helicopter was shot down four times, but the fifth time was the last. In early 1972, the gun ship Malla was traveling in was caught in a fire trap. After they crashed, he was unconscious. When he regained his senses, he was surrounded by Viet Cong. Of the five-member crew, only Malla and the warrant officer, a Texan, were alive.

husted into the back of a truck. The two Americans were taken to a makeshift P.O.W. camp in a remote area where about 100 prisoners included Americans, Canadians, Australians, South Vietnamese and Koreans. The others appeared to have been in captivity longer, but the two newcomers were not allowed to speak to them.

"They took us to a base. We didn't know where it was. I thought that was it, we're never going to see home," he said.

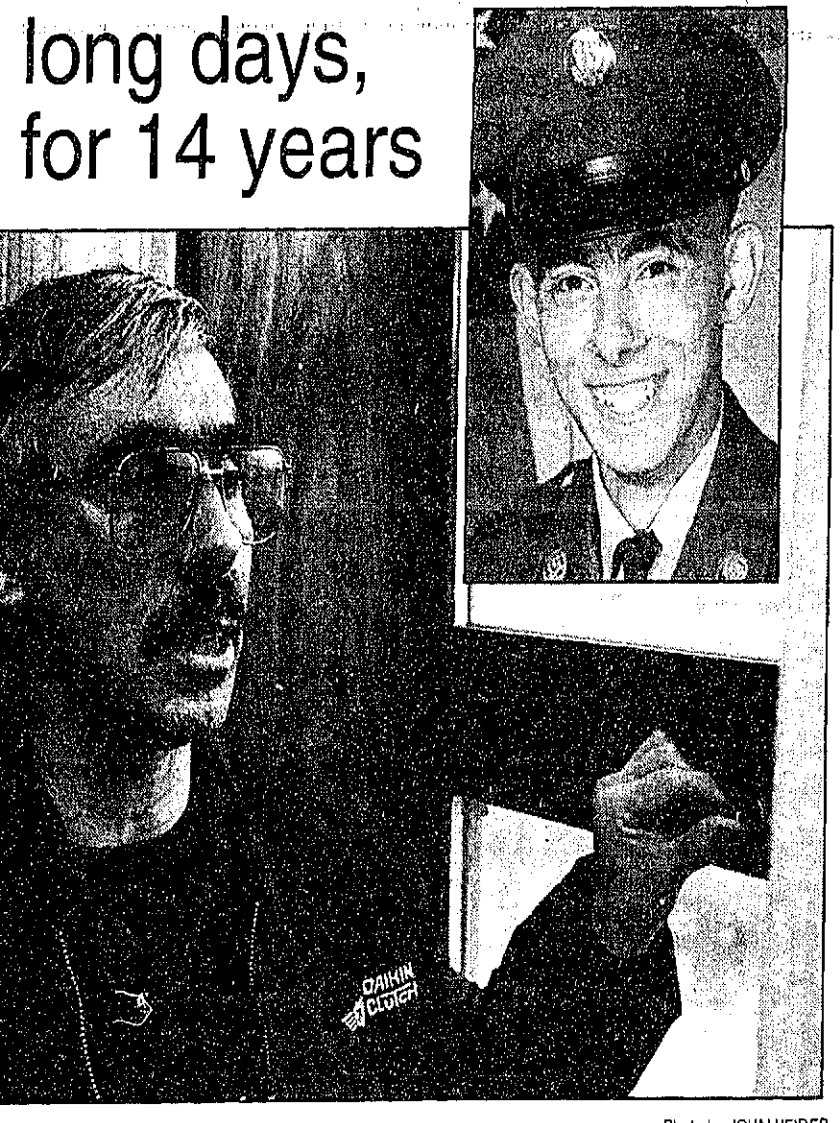
During the five-day ordeal, Malla and the warrant officer were crammed into what he called "a dog kennel cage," a small underground pit covered by poisoned bamboo stalks. They were rarely allowed to sleep. It was the monsoon season and the hole was full of water.

The two Americans were questioned by the Communists every two to three hours. "There was a lot of interrogating. They were putting bamboo shoots up our fingernails. They put a wet cowhide band on my head and set me in the sun. It shrinks and puts pressure on your head. There was lots of other stuff that gets too gory to tell."

"Some don't know where it was. I thought that was it, we're never going to see home," he said.

After overhearing the guards say they were going to send the two Americans to Hanoi "where they could do a better job of getting us to talk," Malla and his companion made up their minds to escape.

"If it was time to get killed, we would. If not, we would survive. We'd let the Lord handle that," Malla said.



Tony Malla spent five days in a prisoner of war camp before successfully escaping. The Novi man still has nightmares about the torture he received from his North Vietnamese captors.

He said the guards executed several prisoners before them in an attempt to provoke them to talk, but the nationality of the victims was unclear.

Both Malla and the warrant officer had some combat training, but with their on-base jobs they weren't accustomed to hardship.

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By a mine-field or not. For several days (Malla isn't sure how long) they moved through the isolated area somewhere near the Demilitarized Zone, traveling by day and night on foot, no sleep and in a battered condition from their ordeal. Finally, they came to a remote U.S. firebase. They were far from home free.

"We almost got shot by our own troops. We told them we had our dog tags in our boots. They had taken our other I.D. It took 24 hours before they were convinced we were Americans," Malla said.

"We showed them our bruises and our finger nails."

Malla and the Texan were kept in confinement until their story checked out. The problem was their gun ship had been sent out without paperwork and they weren't listed as officially missing. Once their identification had been established, Malla was sent to a hospital in Saigon, then shipped back to the U.S.

"You come back to the States and everybody just treats you like 'who cares,'" he said. "The government just forgets about us. Because we lost, everyone's blaming us for being there."

Back with his family in Lincoln Park, Malla couldn't speak about what happened but he was plagued with nightmares. If he heard a jet plane boom by, he'd jump under a table.

Today, he's married and the father of a 12-year-old son. He's an assistant supervisor at Daikin Clutch USA in Belleville.

After Vietnam, Malla applied to the Veterans Administration for assistance for post-war trauma but was turned down. Then, he began to talk about his five days as a prisoner with his wife and friends at the Lakes Baptist Church in Walked Lake.

Finally letting it all out was a relief, he said. Even so, the after-effects linger. "If somebody comes up behind me, it scares me," he said. "I can hardly stand being closed in a room because of being a P.O.W."

U.S./ Vietnam War: A Timeline

1950

- U.S. sends 35 military advisors to southern Vietnam and agrees to provide military and economic aid to non-Communist government.

1954

- The U.S. pays 75 percent of costs of France's colonial war in Indochina, which began in 1946 as the French battled with the Communists for control of the country.

- French forces fall at Dien Bien Phu.

- Indochina armistice signed splitting Vietnam into two nations.

- Communists occupy Hanoi, set up government under Ho Chi Minh and seek to take over non-Communist South Vietnam.

1955

- U.S. agrees to help train South Vietnamese army.

1962

- President Kennedy announces that U.S. military advisors in South Vietnam will fire back if fired upon.

1963

- By year's end, U.S. troops in South Vietnam total over 15,000.

1964

- U.S. Congress passes Tonkin Resolution, authorizing presidential action in Vietnam, after North Vietnamese boats reportedly attack two U.S. destroyers.

- President Johnson orders continuous bombing of North Vietnam.

- U.S. forces in South Vietnam number 184,000.

1966

- U.S. forces begin firing into Cambodia.

- U.S. begins bombing Hanoi.

- 385,300 U.S. troops stationed in Vietnam, plus 60,000 offshore and 33,000 in Thailand.

1968

- Tet Offensive. Communist forces attack Saigon and 30 provincial capitals in South Vietnam.

- Bombing of North Vietnam curbed as peace talks begin.

1969

- U.S. forces in Vietnam peak at 543,000.

- U.S. troop withdrawal begins and President Nixon starts policy of Vietnamization of war.

1971

- Armies of U.S. and South Vietnam begin

Debate continues on credit for preserving open space

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

How much extra credit does a developer get for preserving open space such as trees and woods and lakes?

That remained one of the hottest public issues in town as the Novi City Council continued its debate last week over the proposed revisions to the Residential Unit Development Ordinance. The decisions council members finally made, possibly at a June 2 meeting, will impact the future of the 901-acre Harvest Lake subdivision.

But it's clear so far that the council majority backs giving a developer credit for not building on the lake — or filling it in. The support is also there to cap the number of housing units based on the existing zoning and the gross acreage of a piece of land, not the buildable, non-regulated acreage.

Mayor Kathleen McAllen said density credits would be a trade off for what a developer provides a subdivision "above and beyond" the standard site plan.

Several council members pointed out that the RUD was an option the council could negotiate, something it "may" grant.

However, City Attorney David Fried said the proposed language would actually require the council to grant an applicant the terms of the RUD ordinance, if the developer met all the conditions.

"You should not consider the

may as may, it should be considered as shall," Fried explained.

City attorneys are now working to draft language that would not be binding upon the local government.

Harvest Land Company proposes a density credit of one dwelling unit per each acre of land left open — in their case, including a 169-acre lake. Excluded from density credit would be submerged swamps and external roadways.

Novi's consultants proposed whittling that one credit down to 0.8 dwellings per acre.

If 100 acres of open space were preserved, under the Harvest plan the developer would get 100 extra homes above the property's zoning and only 80 extra homes under the planning consultants' suggestion.

With the credits, the lot sizes would be smaller than required by the actual zoning of the land, in order to set aside land for woodlands, wetlands, city parks, schools and historic sites.

"It's encouraging large-area development to put in recreational water sports, schools, private and public parks," Planning Consultant Brian Rogers explained.

When polled, the majority of the council backed including the lake in the open space calculations.

But Council Member Rob Mittel said he was totally against giving a developer density credit for a lake, as the current RUD ordinance does.

"There would be an extra 4,000 homes than could be built in the city today under conventional zoning. They are getting density on the net site in conventional zoning to be built than our existing ordinances allow now," Mittel said.

While the council didn't take enough support to pass if a vote had been taken.

Mittel then suggested the credit be limited to that portion of the lake property developed for public use. Under this proposal, if half of the lakeshore was devoted to private home lots and the other half of the property was for use by subdivisions residents, the developer would only get a density credit for half the lake's acreage.

Mittel also suggested that no open space credit should be given for land that was actually developed as a church or a school.

Harvest seeks credits for the new Novi Middle School and a city park, on a land deal with the city, the developer and the school district closes. A council consensus on this issue was not reached last week.

Under the current draft, credits would be given for amenities set aside for residents of the RUD.

Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said it appears a public school would be "incompatible" because it would not be restricted to RUD residents alone.

Obituaries

HARRY G. SAFFORD
Harry G. Safford died May 8 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. He was 75. Mr. Safford was born Oct. 21, 1921, in Maryland, N.Y.

Mr. Safford was a graduate of Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y. He served in the Air Force during World War II as a gunnery sergeant. Mr. Safford was an accomplished composer, director and conductor, and had worked for WXYZ and WJR.

He is survived by his wife, Edythe; sons, Randy, Roger, and Brian; daughters, Lori, Annella and Lisa; 19 grandchildren and two step-children.

A memorial service was recently held at St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Walled Lake.

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

Memorials to the Holy Cross Alar Guild, P.O. Box 535, Novi, MI 48375 or the American Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated.

RAVINDRA S. NATH
Ravindra S. Nath of Novi died on May 15. He was 47. Mr. Nath was born in Kenya to Surendra and Kusum Nath.

Mr. Nath was employed by Guardian Industries as an engineer.

He is survived by his wife, Bena; son, Vikram and daughter, Rekha, both at home; his mother who resides in India; and three brothers and two sisters who live in various parts of the world.

Services were held on Saturday,

May 17, at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville.

MARY G. DOWNEY
Mary Gregson Downey of Novi died May 17 at Dotsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. She was 59. Mrs. Downey was born Sept. 11, 1937.

She is survived by her husband Arthur.

Services were held on Monday, May 19, at O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

Memorials to the Michigan Cancer Foundation would be appreciated.

KENNETH J. KREZEL
Kenneth J. Krezel, a producer and theater manager for 40 years, died Feb. 24 in Pasadena, Calif. He was 58.

Mr. Krezel was a 1956 graduate of Northville High School and a 1959 graduate of Michigan State University. He was the first general manager of the Broadway musical, *Man of La Mancha*, and worked on many Broadway shows, and later roadshows including *Your Arms Too Short to Box with God*, *Grease*, *The Neil Diamond Show*, and the ice show at the Palace. He also served as general manager of Connecticut's Goodspeed Opera House in the 1960s, was the second owner of The Ivoryton Playhouse in Ivoryton, Conn., and was a representative of Actor's Equity Association in New York.

He is survived by his wife, Lillias Mair, originally of Novi and a 1956 graduate of Northville High School; three daughters, Kyria, Cindy and Maree; sister, Carol Keller of

Nokomis, Fla.; and one grandson, Kenneth.

MAUREN L. MASON
Maureen L. Mason died May 10 in Cheboygan. She was 93. Mrs. Mason was born Feb. 27, 1904.

Her survivors are: grandson, Patrick Mason; daughter-in-law, Joan Fitzpatrick of Novi; and nieces, Carol Wilhelm, Suzanne Legowsky, and Marvel Theisen.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond T., and brother, Lawrence Theisen.

Services were held on Friday, May 16, at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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

ANN H. HOLMES
Ann Hughes Holmes of Wixom died May 12 at Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. She was 77. Mrs. Holmes was born Dec. 2, 1919.

She is survived by sons, James (Pat) Hocking and Charles (Patsy) Holmes; daughters, Karen (Doug) Edwards and Cathy Mueller; eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Holmes was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, and son, Richard Hocking.

Services were held on Thursday, May 15, at the O'Brien Chapel/Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery.

Memorials to the Michigan Heart Association would be appreciated.

Traffic flow is first target of committee

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to take care of the potholes, parking problems and traffic congestion during the day, (parking at six of the district schools and the administration building.

But they'll need \$1.4 million to do it and are set to ask district voters to approve the funding June 9 along with \$4.1 million in other improvements to the district's athletic fields and playgrounds.

The district is asking for 0.85 mills a year for four years to generate the \$5.5 million it says it needs to make the changes. That means approximately \$85 extra each year for four years for the owner of a \$200,000 home.

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

The biggest need, the group concluded, is to coordinate parking and road systems throughout the 80-acre Taft Road site that includes two elementary schools, Novi Middle School, Novi Meadows, the Instructional Technology Center and the Educational Services Building.

Not all the roads interconnect and there aren't nearly enough parking spaces to serve the campus.

Lippe earns top marks from district

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

No longer the new kid on the block, Novi schools Superintendent Emmett Lippe is now like "an old shoe," according to school board President Ray Byers.

The superintendent hired five years ago once again received heaps of praise during his yearly evaluation, held in open, televised session May 15.

The trustees evaluated Lippe on 36 various components using a five-point scale. Overall, Lippe scored a 4.8 out of 5.0.

"It's up just a smidgen from last year," Byers said. "There's been no backsliding on the part of the superintendent."

At no point did Lippe's score in a category fall below a 4.5. It dropped to a 4.5 out of 5.0 in only two categories: "Ability to speak and write" and "Helped initiate a process to explore and possibly develop a desirable and appropriate alternative K-4 program for placement in the current Meadows Building."

Byers said he and Lippe discussed the issues beforehand. "I think it's wrong for it to be a total surprise," Byers explained.

Words like patient, honest, comfortable, tactful and integrity were used to describe Lippe.

He leadership and demeanor was credited by Trustee Carol Elfring for creating a positive atmosphere in which to work and allowing the district to make great accomplishments because it is not "getting drug down by small negative aspects."

Trustee Julia Abrams called him wise. "Not everybody has wisdom but to be wise and have a sense of people and the environment is a gift you possess," Abrams told Lippe.

"You're not easily provoked yet you stand up for your rights," she added.

Newton said she appreciates how Lippe respects the board members and answers their questions fully.

"It's very reassuring to know I can go to someone and find out what's right," said Newton.

The only request given to Lippe was to find a way to limit and condense presentations by teacher quality teams. The teams are formed to evaluate curriculum at the different schools and are required to give reports at board meetings. The reports sometimes last 30 to 45 minutes.

That's just too long, the trustees said.

"The only other negative point is we don't get to bicker and argue because he presents such rational points," joked Trustee George Kortland.

"We don't bicker and carry on," added Byers. "Because we're in this for the kids not the glory of politics."

Lippe said he appreciated the feedback.

"Superintendents seldomly hear how we're doing," he explained.

He added that working in Novi has been a positive experience all the way. "It's never gotten to me in terms of stress," he explained.

Lippe also commended the board members for not "micro managing" the district and allowing the administration to do its job.

"If you have to micro manage, it's time to look at who you have managing your schools," Lippe said.

Lippe received \$119,000 in salary last year, with benefits including the use of a mini-van.

IMPROVEMENTS

- At the 80-acre site including Novi Woods, Parkview Elementary, Novi Meadows, Novi Middle School and the Educational Services Building changes include:
 - Improved traffic flow.
 - Pedestrian walkways.
 - Additional parking.
 - Entrances.
 - Lighting.
 - Bus drop-offs.
 - On-grade asphalt.
 - Resurface and re-stripe parking lot.
 - Improve site lighting.
 - Village Oaks Elementary.
 - Resurface and re-stripe parking lot.
 - Improve site lighting.

School board losing patience

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will then split the parcel and sell it a portion to the school district.

"I don't think it matters to us that it goes to us," said Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall earlier this week. "I think we've indicated they can sell directly to the school."

However the plan is still in place for the property to go to the city first. And the two are still working on the details while Harvest awaits a city response to its request for an ordinance revision. That leaves the district out in left field, waiting for the other two parties to finish the deal.

"I think the developer really wants to know more about the end result on the possible RUD (residential unit development) ordinance changes and how that will affect his project," Kriewall explained. "It's crucial to their development plans."

"I don't think the developer is anxious to close the deal until

that's settled," he added.

The district is especially stewing now that they've fulfilled Harvest Land Company's requests to bring water and electricity to the area, and take a portion of the land from the South Lyon school district and incorporate it into the Novi school district. Its part of the bargain is complete, the district says. Now it wants the other parties to fulfill their responsibilities.

"We all find that it is exceptionally frustrating in having our hands tied because we know this is good for our children," said Trustee Carol Elfring.

"The district has approved an architectural plan for the school, costing \$1 billion, and given the nod to nearly \$30 million in bids to begin construction. It even held a ceremonial ground breaking last month, despite the fact it doesn't own the land yet."

Superintendent Emmett Lippe said the delay in construction

could cost the district money in the end. For instance, if the building isn't enclosed by winter, it could cost more to work through the season. In addition, companies that awarded bids over the last few months may request additional payment.

Lippe said payments to the architect Fanning/Hovey & Associates and construction manager A.J. Etkin are lump sum payments, so delays won't increase that cost.

Beri Falbaum, public relations representative for Harvest Land Company, said he has not heard any frustrations expressed by any of the parties. In addition, Harvest is working diligently to finish negotiations.

"It's a complicated transaction," Falbaum said. "We've been working and making progress since 1994 and working closely with the city and school board to get the project going as quickly as we

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As We See It

Openness with evaluation worth kudos for board

A discussion of Novi schools Superintendent Emmett Lippe's annual evaluation yielded mostly positive and glowing remarks from the Board of Education last week.

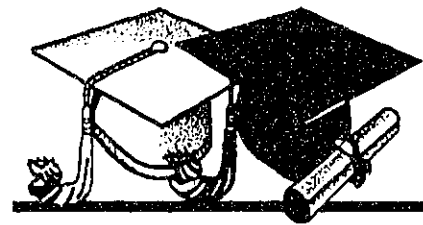
We didn't expect anything to the contrary.

We want to point out the positive step the school board made by televising the superintendent's evaluation hearing as a part of its regular meeting. We would note that Lippe had the option of having a closed session for his evaluation. Under the state's Open Meetings Act, Lippe could ask that the evaluation be given behind closed doors, although his final evaluation would have to be released publicly.

Good or bad news, the public deserves to know how it's top-most official is performing. Fortunately, Lippe receives consistently high marks. But even if the scores were low and results disappointing, we feel the taxpayers deserve to know what the elected officials of the district are saying about it. And not just the final written evaluation. We believe the public should hear the full discussion of the strengths and weaknesses (we all have 'em; it's called being human) of their top educator.

It all comes down to communication, which is something the school board is tackling this month. A report from a board subcommittee consisting of staff, city representatives, parents and community members showed earlier this month that communication is good, but it can be improved.

Some of the ideas presented by the committee really stick in our minds. Especially the attention given to the senior citizens of Novi. Many times, the older generation is left alone by the school district until a bond issue is placed on the ballot. That's unfair. They are indeed just as important a



Michael Malott

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part of the community as everyone else.

But with the committee suggestion to distribute a newsletter in the senior center and coordinate programming with the city, the relationship between the seniors and the district can grow.

Sometimes, schools can forget that school parents aren't the only taxpayers to fund the schools. The district should communicate, that is distribute information and listen to responses, with all parts of the community.

In the case of Lippe's evaluation, it would seem to be in the district's best interest to let the district hear the full discussion. Why not let the public hear such a positive review? And the board and the superintendent did just that.

Our only suggestion would be, as with other aspects of the district's improved communications, to add an opportunity for the public to evaluate the superintendent, to provide input to that evaluation in that hearing. Again, we expect in the case of Lippe it would be positive.

We also expect the idea might create a bit of trepidation on the part of school officials who might fear opening the process up might invite some negativity from the community at large.

Chances are good it wouldn't. Chances are good the public holds the superintendent in the same high regard as the board. And wouldn't that be nice to put on the record.

Angry over flag rules

Is it really worth it?

Do we in Novi have such a problem with flags that we need to have an ordinance to restrict their size and number? Do that many businesses fly oversized American flags, or so many of them, that they could become a "detriment to the general public?"

Does this town really want the reputation, should its ordinance be challenged on Constitutional grounds as a violation of the First Amendment, it would surely get if it walked into court and tried to argue that its restrictions on the flying of the American flag are reasonable?

Does this town really want to spend money defending this ordinance?

And is this an issue of such importance that it is worth offending and alienating Novi's own veterans and residents? Is it worth driving them out of town, to participate in another community's Memorial Day commemorations?

The Marine Corp League brought the issue of Novi's flag ordinance back to the forefront this week by deciding to boycott Novi's Memorial Day parade. Instead, said Dave Owen, commander of the group, former Marines will head off to Northville and participate there.

Yes, there are other issues, like the fact the vets have no permanent meeting location and the fact Novi voters turned down a bond issue to give them one. But the final straw was the adoption of the flag rules last year.

The city adopted the rules to keep

businesses from using the flag for their own commercial purposes. At least in other cities, when some businesses have been able to attract the attention they've wanted through conventional signs, due to legal and legitimate sign regulations, they've resorted to flying flags... or flying great big, huge ones.

Yes, it's commercial and crass, but is it really a problem? And is it a problem here?

Last year, Novi restricted the flying of the American flag to one per parcel of land. The maximum size could be 60 square feet. Six other, smaller flags would be permitted, but those additional flags must be no bigger than 24 square feet.

And the rules did exempt homes and apartment complexes.

Still, who's to say a business person might not have patriotic feelings equal to those of homeowners?

The question of constitutionality came up in those discussions, but was never fully addressed. The city attorney said that while sign ordinances had been upheld, the constitutionality of a law like this had never been tested.

And we are sure the city wouldn't want it to be. Talk about putting the city in a bad light. Talk about a waste of time and money.

So why not just repeal the ordinance? Why not just get rid of this classic case of overregulation before someone has to take the city to court to do it themselves?

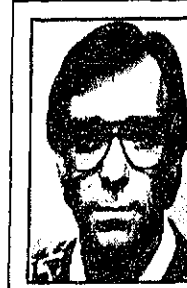
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Planning for fest's tenth year



Michael Malott

as a result.

OK, so maybe that isn't exactly one of the more pleasant memories about 50s Fest history, but it is timely to recall because Jon "Bower" Bauman, of Sha-Na-Na fame, will be at the festival this year. He'll serve as the host for the concerts Friday and Saturday nights.

(Fears he may bring rain with him appear unjustified since he actually wasn't with the band when it performed here in 1988. So this counts as Bower's first appearance at the 50s Festival.)

Remember when... the van transporting Shirelles' lead singer Doris Jackson got into an accident on the way to the festival. Remember how she then climbed on stage and delivered a performance that wowed the audience and earned her a special place in the heart of 50s Festival crowds. The Shirelles are back this year, performing the Friday night concert.

As you can see, the plans are well along for the coming festival, set for July 23-27 at the Novi Expo Center. Festival Manager Jane Thomas said this week the schedule is nearly set and ready to go.

And it contains an exciting list of events and activities.

In Focus

By John Heider



Moved

A few mothers were moved, at Silver Springs Elementary School, by their youngsters' recitation of a mother-child story.

Lunch in the News office



Carol Workens

Lunch for reporters at the Northville Record and Novi News is no picnic.

It's also not a two-hour, three-martini lunch with secret sources who wish to be heard but who always ask that their comments be kept "off the record."

Lunch hour at the office keeps our microwave humming from 11 a.m. until sometimes 2 p.m. as the nuking of the frozen food, leftovers and canned food is under way.

There are times when we're thought of installing one of those little take-a-number machines in our little four-by-nine-foot kitchen.

Somehow each reporter knows which frozen food entree in the "ice box" is theirs, even though the selection on some days rivals that offered in a grocery store.

Occasionally a confused, half-starved reporter will ask, "Did I bring the lasagna today or did someone else?"

The hungriest reporter usually starts the chain of events, to the dismay of others who were hoping to keep their stomachs at bay just a tad bit longer.

A typical lunch hour begins with a warning.

"Sorry guys, but I gotta eat," Wendy might say. "Don't cook that Wendy, (louder) WENDY, (still louder) WENDY." Bob might reply, "Now you've gone and done it. I wasn't thinking about eating for another hour."

The blend of aromas from macaroni and cheese, chicken noodle soup, and lemon chicken even brings the receptionists up from the first floor occasionally.

It's like the domino affect. The first one gets the others going.

It's. How bout this... the big show Saturday night will be performed by Peter Noone, lead singer of Herman's Hermits. Did you know that in 1965 Herman's Hermits sold more records than The Beatles?

But let's reminisce more about the festival itself. Remember the lip sync contests? They'll be back this year after a hiatus. And the twist contests? The festival hasn't included one of these in several years, but it will be back this time around.

That's pretty much the formula Thomas is following, keeping or bring back those attractions that have proved a hit in the past and adding as many new programs as she can.

For example, the car show and Cruise will return again this year. But the car show will have one very interesting addition, it will offer cash prizes to participants. Considering the 50s Festival is one of the few car shows to offer such prizes, the festival should attract a very special line up cars.

"We expect to get cars that never leave the garage," Thomas said.

The festival committee has also boosted family activities. The lineup for the family stage is chock full. The stage has been moved outside, and the family area has been enlarged. Added will be a Ferris wheel for kids, a moon walk and a petting zoo. There will also be a live elephant, named Laura, on hand for kids to pet and feed for four days out of the five-day festival.

A special event is planned for Thursday evening, "Novi Night." It will be a time when hometowners can party together at the festival. The festival's regional draw sometimes makes it hard to find folks just from around town. So Novi Night will serve as the get-together for Novi-ites at the festival.

Sounds impressive. Sounds like a lot of fun. See you there.

Michael Malott is the Editor of The Novi News.

English unites country, society



Phil Power

We had some visitors recently from Toronto. At dinner one night, talk turned to the separatist movement that failed by an eyelash to take the (French-speaking) Province of Quebec out of the (bilingual) by law, English-speaking (by fact) Canadian nation. Some representative quotes:

"In the bars in Quebec City, they call you an 'English dog' if they decide you're not a francophone (French speaker)."

"By law in Quebec, all signs are in French. All the English-speaking business and professional people are moving out."

"If the vote had succeeded, I suppose we'd have had to call out the army. There's no way we're going to break up our country."

Here in Michigan, just over the border from Canada, it's a little unsettling to hear otherwise calm and reasonable people speak casually about calling out the army. But it's a perfect example of how incendiary ethnic and language politics can become, even in a country as superficially pliant in character and mostly homogeneous in race as Canada.

Now think about how explosive such politics can be in a country as heterogeneous as our own - a country with an

immigration law that through unintended consequence by 2050 will produce this demographic mix:

- Less than half European-descended whites.
- 25 percent Hispanic.
- 12 percent African American.
- The rest a mix of Asians, Native Americans and people of mixed race.

Uniquely in the world, America is culture that is built not on a shared history but on a promised future. The American Dream - if you work hard and play by the rules, you and your family will become more prosperous than ever before in your genetic history - is still alive and kicking.

"We've never had this kind of diversity before," says Loyola University sociologist Philip Lyden, "and neither has anybody else. The big question of the next century is, what kind of society is America going to be?"

"The country's going to balkanized," predicts William Frey, the respected director of the University of Michigan's Population Studies Center.

The parts of the country most affected will be the West and the Northeast, with the Midwest least impacted. According to the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, from 1991-96, more than 89,000 immigrants moved to Michigan. In a representative sample, they came from: Iraq (8,882); India (7,674); Mexico (6,118); former Soviet Union (5,437); Canada (5,392); China (4,396); Vietnam (3,843); Poland (3,240). Quite a mix.

It's not surprising to see notices in

Japanese in Auburn Hills, grocery stores featuring Indian food in Farmington and Arab markets in Dearborn.

The clash between what we have been and what we are becoming is the most intense in our schools, still struggling to help make Americans out of successive waves of immigrants and still flopping between compassion and realism.

Some advocates argue passionately that teaching kids who speak little English in their native language preserves the integrity of their cultures and gives them a needed lift toward fluency in English. Some years ago, this line of thought went so far in Ann Arbor (where else?) that some black parents sued the school district to require "Black English" ("Ebonics," in recent terms) be taught to black kids.

I can't agree. Sure, we ought to give kids who can't speak English a helping hand while they're learning. But to do anything more is just going to hurt them. At the end of the day, they'll have to learn English in order to participate fully in the society to which they (or their parents) wanted willingly to come.

The one thing that unites this country that is more heterogeneous than any other in history is the English language. Doing anything to reduce this common bond is to play with fire.

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What a season soccer team had

To the Editor:

What a season the Novi High School girls' varsity soccer team had - No. 1 in the KVC.

Through 16 games, the girls outscored their opponents 66-5. They defeated rival Northville 2-0 and defeated Brighton early in the season, 2-1 and tied Brighton, 1-1 Friday night to take the KVC title. Congratulations to all the team members: Tracey Alban, Nicole

Angelocci, Jenny Bagdady, Katie Bailey, Liz Buczek, Sarah Corless, Jenny Corless, Lara Clayton, Erin Craadick, Traci Frank, Kristyn Hoag, Heather Hernandez, Michelle Jewell, Kim Kocan, Stephanie Lauder, Sara Marchioni,

Emily Nicol, Angie Pantaleo, Megan Parker, Jennifer Urlick and Danielle Wasik, coached by Meredith Millard.

Congratulations, also, should be given to the parents of these girls for all the encouragement and for

attending all those cold, wet games. One thing about Novi parents is the level of their support for their children's activities. Almost without exception, Novi parents outnumber parents of opposing teams - even at the away games. I understand this happens at all sports, band and choir events. Parents and students are to be commended for their involvement.

Lynn Kocan

The coming of digital television



Mary Linda Calderone

A brand new high-definition TV set could be on your shopping list for Christmas 1998. The Federal Communications Commission recently approved rules giving broadcasters free licenses to provide revolutionary high definition television that will begin

reaching viewers in the top ten markets within 18 months.

Digital television will replace the existing analog systems that have served the American public since the late 1940s. This is as phenomenal a change to TV viewing as the introduction of color pictures in the '50s. Say hello to crystal clear pictures and CD-quality sound. Gone forever are ghost images, snow, interference and distorted audio. Digital technology allows TV stations to offer a single high definition signal or squeeze as many as six channels through an existing channel.

With digital TV will come the convergence of TV and computer technologies.

For example, sports fans will be able to watch a football game while splitting their screen to receive up-to-the-minute scores of other games over the Internet. Your TV may become your computer's best friend allowing you to watch programs while surfing the Internet over the same box.

As good as this all seems, the FCC's decision to allow broadcasters to receive licenses free of charge has outraged many public interest groups including the Alliance for Community Media.

Executive Director for the Alliance, Barry Forbes, charges "that broadcasters are getting a multi-billion dollar giveaway in the form of free use of the airwaves - to the tune of \$70 billion."

The Alliance for Community Media has lobbied the FCC with the request that broadcasters be required to set aside some of the digital television spectrum for public, educational and governmental access channels (similar to what we currently have on cable). The alliance stressed to the FCC the importance of the broadcast industry giving people some kind of compensation for use of the public's resources and its belief that public, educational and governmental access continues to not only be an appropriate but desirable way by which the broadcast industry can give

something to the public in exchange for its use of this resource.

The FCC said it will at a later date consider whether to impose new public-interest obligations on TV stations in exchange for digital licenses.

New digital TV receivers are expected to cost anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Of course, as production gears up to full speed, the price is expected to drop to about the same as a new analog TV right now. Set top adapters to convert your existing TV into a digital TV are expected to cost around \$250.

You don't have to go out and buy anything new right away. TV broadcasters will be providing the analog format as well for at least nine years. It's been recommended that they return their analog licenses to the government in 2006. And by that time, won't you be ready for a spiffy new TV set anyway?

Mary Linda Calderone is the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland-Cable Commission. The next SWOCC meeting is Tuesday, June 17, at 7 p.m. at Novi City Hall. The next CAC meeting is Tuesday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at SWOCC.

Election fraud gone undetected?



Tim Richard

Finally, a prominent Democrat has weighed into the fray over Michigan's lax voter registration laws.

He is Mark Grebner, an East Lansing attorney, political consultant and Democratic member of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. I enjoy his irreverent

"bumper stickers: 'No worse than the rest' and 'He may be a fool, but he's our fool.'"

Grebner's recent speech to the Lansing chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists was quoted at length in Bill Ballenger's *Inside Michigan Politics* newsletter. Grebner blistered my media brethren and sister for shallow election coverage, then turned to a favorite topic of mine, the alleged poor voter turnout statistics:

"Often the statistic is utter crap... There are 6.6 million registered voters in the state. Unfortunately, two million of them are dead... or they've moved out of the state... or they're dupes."

"And so you people report that there's a 61 percent turnout or a 48 percent turnout... 37 percent of the people who didn't vote, though, aren't here."

Grebner estimated the actual turnout of live voters at 83-84 percent in 1996 and 91-92 in 1992.

His firm investigated a Detroit judicial race in which a petition circulator apparently took "voter" names off a TV screen - a baseball roster and a TV cast. The circulator, who filed about 150 petitions, signed as "Louis Robinson" and "Lewis Robinson."

There was no such person, but there was a Louella Robinson with "suspiciously similar handwriting." Five Louella Robinsons were registered to vote, all with the same birth date, all with the same handwriting. "It wasn't her fault in this case - she only votes once," Grebner said.

The problem is that under Democratic legislative and judicial influence, Michigan can't clean out its "deadwood." The theory is that Democratic voters are so stupid they vote only in presidential elections every four years and ignore the gubernatorial, legislative, city, school board and millage elections in between.

So the remedy is that names of voters who have died or moved must be kept on the rolls for years. In addition, the federal "motor voter" law (vetted by George Bush in '92 but signed by Bill Clinton in '93) prevents local clerks from canceling the registrations of inactive voters.

Result: Each year 10 percent of voters who no longer live in the area swell the voter lists. Grebner figures 37 percent are deadwood.

The Republican Legislature, in its 1996 lame duck session, sought to curb possible fraud with a law requiring voters to show photo IDs. "The possibility for fraud is out there," said Rep. Bob Brakenridge,

GOP guru on voting questions. Attorney General Frank Kelley, a Democrat, ruled the photo ID law is a burden that violates the U.S. Constitution (equal protection of the laws). Kelley said such restrictive measures aren't needed because "Michigan already prevents voter fraud by less drastic means."

Kelley is wrong, of course. And he obviously hasn't read the chapter on voter fraud in Sabato and Simpson's 1996 book *Dirty Little Secrets: The Pervasiveness of Corruption in American Politics*.

Nevertheless, Democratic lawmakers still buy what Grebner calls the "crap" statistics and want to encourage even greater turnout by conducting mail elections. The House has passed a bill by Rep. Agnes Dobrowski, D-Deerborn, to allow anyone to vote by absentee in any election - no fibs about being ill or out of town.

Secretary of State Candice Miller argues, with much logic, that Michigan won't be ready for mail-in elections until a statewide computer system, due in a couple of years, can discard the deadwood registrations.

It makes one wonder: If we have fraud in collecting petition signatures, if we have a circulator registered to vote in five locations, if we have two million non-existent registered voters, might not there be Chicago-style fraud at the polls that so far has gone undetected?

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

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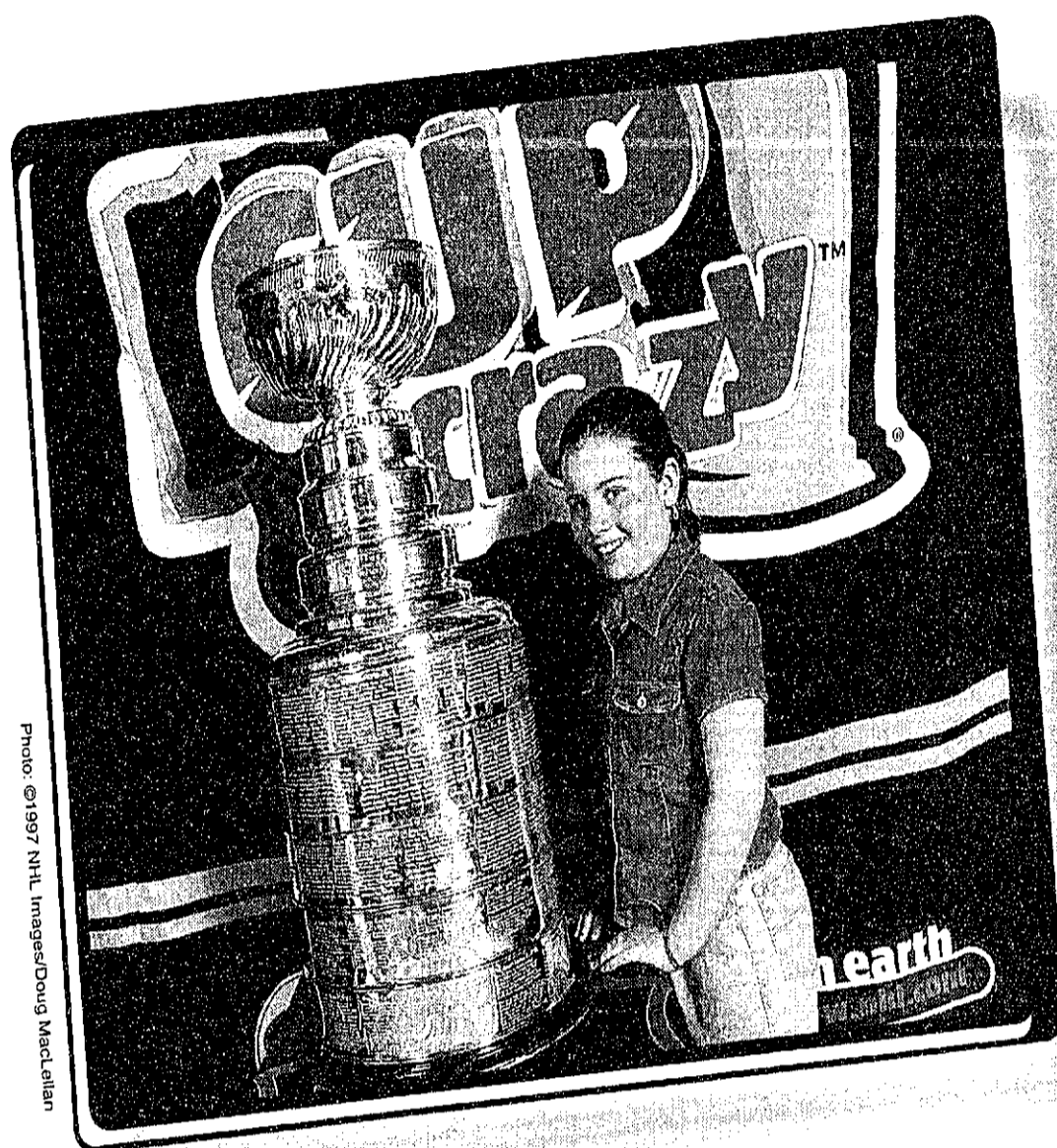


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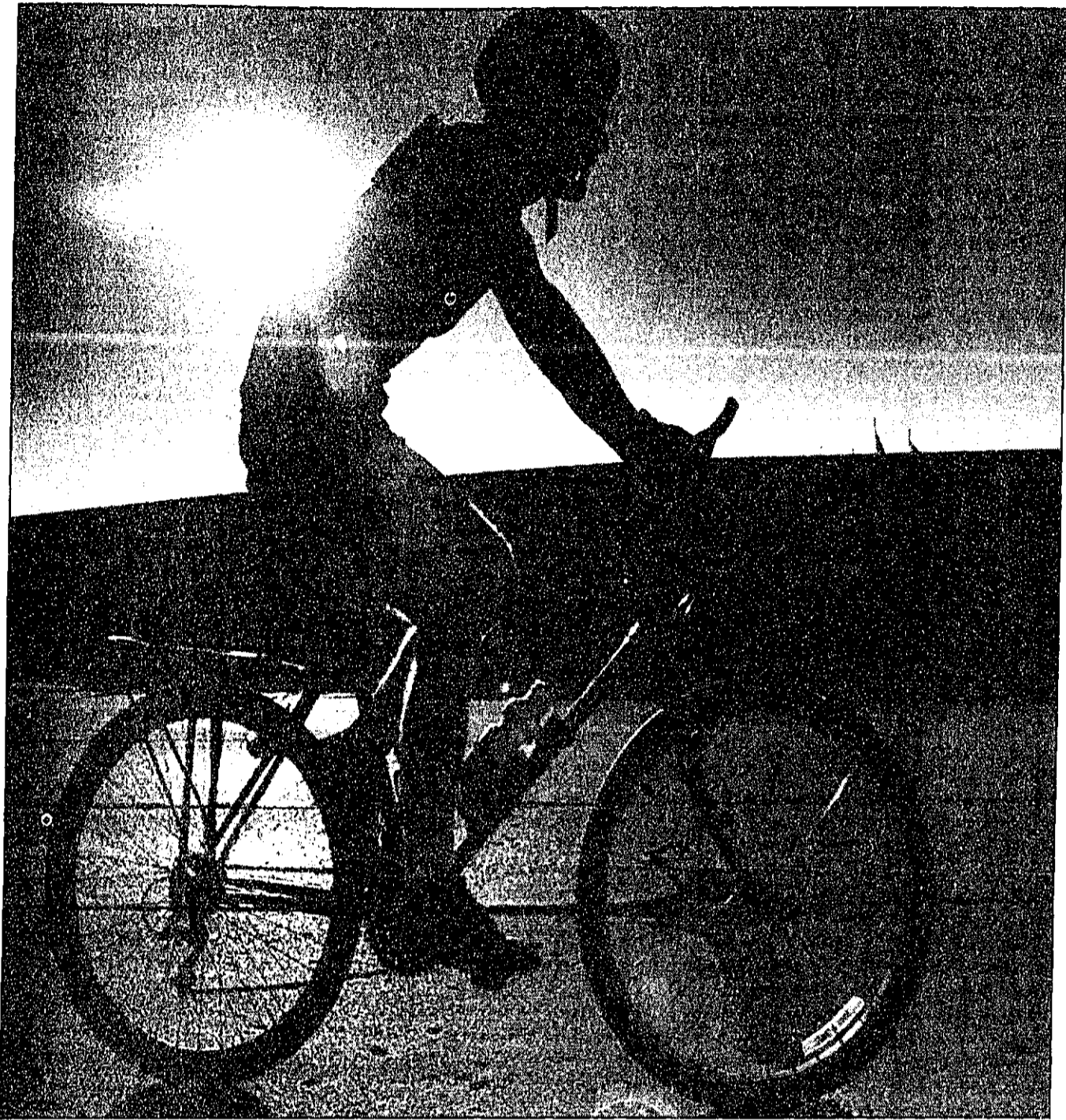
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Walk before you RUN

FILE PHOTOS

Whatever path to fitness you choose, don't overdo. Begin slowly and build up endurance gradually.

Your new exercise program will be more healthy, and enjoyable, if you begin with moderation in mind



Just back from a shopping trip to buy a new pair of running shoes? Itching to try on that new pair of gardening gloves and start weeding and planting? Looking forward to the company picnic and reclaiming that soft-ball trophy?

Exercise, of course, is good, but overdoing it the first few times you go out is bad.

Sore muscles are a problem not only for people who cast aside their couch potato ways and embark on a fitness program for the summer. Even gardeners and householders out for spring cleaning can overwork their muscles.

"People have been dormant all winter long and now they forget they have been couch potatoes," Novi's Botsford Center for Health Improvement physical therapist Milt Thackaberry said. "They remember what they could do last fall and try to do that same activity at the same level. They try to do it too soon."

Most avid runners find a way to stay active all winter long in some sort of activity, according to Thackaberry. Others remember when they used to be able to run a seven to eight minute mile in high school and think they can get out and do it again.

"The first thing to do is to talk with your doctor to see if you're cleared to exercise - to make sure there aren't any contra-indications," Thackaberry said. "Start a program and begin it relatively slowly and gradually increase it."

Walk before you run, build up endurance and speed and gradually expand it into a jog.

"Walk for two or three weeks, gradually increasing the distance as well as the rate of walking before getting into a full run," he said.

"It's like anything else: if the machine has not been maintained very well over the winter it will take a little oiling to get it back into shape," he said. "The big thing is that people don't have the patience to get into shape and exercise."

Golfers should go to the driving range before hitting the golf course. Hit a small bucket of balls a few times and then hit a few big buckets of balls.

"A little bit of time spent up front getting into shape and they will enjoy the sport a lot better and be safer with it," he said.

By going to the driving range first, the body gradually gets into shape. It's smart to do trunk rotations while getting in a little practice with your swing to avoid the kind of wrist or elbow injury that can occur from creating a huge divot.

"If they had gone to the driving range they might not have taken that big chunk out of the ground," Thackaberry said.

A variety of injuries come from softball. Players who haven't done much activity during the winter months will get out after just a few practices and play a lot during games and tournaments.

"Break the activity down into some smaller components," he suggested. The arms and legs need to be in shape for squatting and bending.

"Look at what particular positions and movements each activity requires and break that down so you have the flexibility in your legs or back," he said.

People getting involved in sports are not the only ones who have to get in shape. As the weather starts to break people get out to begin gardening and perform spring clean-up tasks.

A common mistake leading to back injuries is not getting help when lifting a heavy object.

"Five seconds saved may cost two months in recovery," he said.

Thackaberry also sees weekend gardeners and people working around the house this time of year who come in with injuries.

When asked what they did to injure themselves, they usually say they weren't doing much, according to Thackaberry. With a little probing, though, he finds out that the typical scenario included mowing the lawn, rototilling the garden, moving three years of peat moss, then bending over to plant tomatoes before putting in a brick patio.

If the work had been spread out over several weekends, the injury might not have happened, according to Thackaberry.

The vast majority of people do nothing over the winter, according to Thackaberry. They stay inside and go to work. Some use the excuse that because they walk all day on the job they are in shape for other types of activities.

"Your body will adapt to any stresses that are put on it if they are put on it on a gradual basis," he said. "Your body generally fails when you put too much on it too soon."

If you're used to walking around a shop all day, your body is still not ready to jog a mile at night.

"It might be just enough to put you over the threshold so that your body fails," he said.

Company picnics and family reunions are other times when people get together for outdoor activities they may not be in shape for.

"They lost sight of who they were on Saturday and Sunday and exerted themselves a little too much," he said. "If not too much damage was done, they will recover in a few days."

Typical sore muscles will go away in a few days. If the pain lasts for a week or more, it's time to see a doctor.

Story by
Carol
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Engagements



Tina Woodhouse/Terry Poster

Terry and Sue Poster of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Terry Jr., to Tina Woodhouse, the daughter of Larry and Sandy Woodhouse of Livonia.

The bride-elect graduated from Stevenson High School in Livonia in 1990 and attended Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed at Western Water-



Eric Brucker/Pamela Yezback

David and Christine Yezback of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Pamela, to Eric Brucker, the son of Douglas and Bonnie Brucker of Vermilion, Ohio.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Northville High School. Earning a degree in education from Eastern Michigan University, she is now employed as a fifth

Wedding



Jennifer and Martin Ingle

Jennifer Lynn Jenkins and Martin John Ingle were married Aug. 17, 1996, at the First Baptist Church of Northville. Pastor Steven Sparks officiated at the ceremony. A special musical program of Scottish music was provided by the sounds of a bagpipe while guests arrived at the church. Some 200 guests from around the world attended the reception which was held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

James Dolenga of Northville served as best man with Richard Subotich, Raymond Jenkins II, and Michael Rosser attending as ushers.

Following a two-week honeymoon visiting the Hawaiian Islands, the couple made their home in Livonia.

SUNEEL GUPTA has truly demonstrated high leadership capabilities as a Novi High School senior. Suneeel was elected the president of Student Congress held in the state Capitol in Lansing.

Last summer he attended the Junior Statesmen program at Northwestern University and was elected the Speaker of the House. His success led him to California, where he took part in the national conference representing the state of Michigan. He has won first place in the Detroit Catholic Francis League Debate team. During the last national presidential elections, Suneeel was selected to represent the Republican party in a mock presidential televised debate. The Dale Carnegie Institute has awarded Suneeel the highest award for achievement.

Considering above accomplishments, the University of Michigan has awarded him a full scholarship for undergraduate business degree as Distinguished Student Leader.

Novi students who are degree candidates this spring at the University of Michigan Ann Arbor are: **AMY LYNN AHRMS**, bachelor's, science; **NICOLE LYNN BUSHEY**, master's, science; **CLAIRE CHEONG-YIN CHOW**, doctor's, pharmacy; **HEATHER ANN CLAREY**, bachelor's, arts; **JOHN PETER DECKER**, bachelor's, business administration; **SARA ANN DERINGER**, bachelor's, arts; **MICHELE MARIE DOUGHY**, bachelor's, science; **KIMBERLY LYNN DOYLE**, master's, business administration; **GARY R. DRAKE**, master's, business administration; **JEFFREY LAWRENCE DUPUIE**, master's, business administration; **TRACEY ELAINE FORD**, bachelor's, arts; **GREGORY ANTHONY FORTNER**, bachelor's, musical arts; **MICHAEL J. GUNDEL**, bachelor's, mechanical engineering; **CECIL ALAN HARRAH**, master's, engineering; **PETER T. HARWOOD-STAMPER**, master's, engineering; **MILA P. HINGORANI**, bachelor's, business administration; **DOUGLAS NOBLE HOLMES**, master's, business administration; **ELLIOT D. HOOPS**, bachelor's, arts; **HEATHER ANN HUMPHREY**, bachelor's, science; **SEUNG WON HWANG**, bachelor's, mechanical engineering; **JO ANNA JOHNSON**, bachelor's, chemistry; **RANDALL ALAN JUIP**, bachelor's, arts; **ELLA A. KAZEROONI**, master's, science; **MATTHEW TODD KONEDA**, bachelor's, civil and environmental engineering; **MARY BETH LEMAY**, bachelor's, business administration; **PEGGY B. LIAO**, bachelor's, science; **ANGELA M. MASSON**, bachelor's, dental hygiene; **ANNE MEREDITH MEYERSON**, bachelor's, arts; **DOROTHY LOUISE NEIL**, bachelor's, arts; **KERRI ANN OIKARINEN**, bachelor's, chemical engineering; **CHRISTAL ALEXIS PARKER**, bachelor's, business administration; **JILL BICKFORD ROBERTS**, master's, information and library studies; **PAUL JAMES ROMA**, bachelor's, mechanical engineering; **KATHLEEN MARIE SCHWENK**, master's, business administration; **JAMES LLOYD SHECKLER**, master's, music; **BRET SHELTON**, master's, business administration;

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Dobb graduated Summa Cum Laude from Oakland Community College in 1976; received a bachelor of arts degree in accounting and a masters degree in taxation from Walsh College in 1978 and 1984, respectively. A partner in Dobb, Sager and Portrey, P.C., she is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Dobb is currently a member of the Campaign Finance Reform Task Force, a Bipartisan Legislative Team on School Finance and Property Tax Reform (Proposal A), the House Taxation Single Business Tax Sub-Committee, and the AWARE (A Water Access Road End) task force. Governor John Engler appointed her to the 1994 Pioneering Partners Summit, and the following standing House Committees: Public Utilities (GOP Vice-Chair, Tax Policy, and Public Retirement).

The public is invited to attend the meeting and participate in the question and answer session which follows.

For reservations to the pot luck which begins at 6 p.m., call (810) 478-2633. For more information, call (810) 474-3094.

Reunions

CODY HIGH SCHOOL: January and June 1967 and January 1968 graduates, June 20 at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Deadline for reservations is June 1. Call Mike Martinez (248) 347-0620.

THURSTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1963, Nov. 8 at the Novi Hilton. For information or to update your address, call Fred Luoto at (313) 464-0376.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion, Aug. 29, Novi Hilton. Call Class Reunions Plus (810) 783-9651.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: If a class reunion is being planned for the class of 1987, please call the Northville Record office at (810) 349-1700.

NOVI HIGH SCHOOL: A special reunion of the Class of 1971 is being coordinated. Call Milton Holley at (313) 422-6138.

DETROIT GIRLS CATHOLIC CENTRAL: Class of 1946, 50-year-plus-1 reunion, June 1997. Call Anne at (313) 383-7099 or Pat at (810) 778-9094.

The following reunions are being planned by Reunions Made Easy (810) 360-7004:

COOLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Detroit, Class of 1952, 45-year reunion on July 13 at the DoubleTree Guest Suites in Novi.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS LAHSER HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1976, 20-plus-1 year reunion, June 28 at DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield.

LAKE ORION HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion, Aug. 2 at the Marriott in Troy.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion, Aug. 9 at the DoubleTree Guest Suite in Southfield.

The following reunions are being planned by Reunion Planners Inc. (810) 465-2277:

ANN ARBOR HURON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion, Aug. 8 at the Crowne Plaza in Ann Arbor.

WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1987, 10-year reunion on July 12 at the Novi Hilton.

ANN ARBOR PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1977, 20-year reunion on July 19 at the Webber's Inn, Ann Arbor.

Church Notes

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, which worships temporarily in the former Plymouth Wesleyan Church at 42290 Five Mile Road at Brainerd, offers Sunday morning services from 10 until 11 a.m.

For more information contact New Life Lutheran Church Pastor Ken Roberts at (313) 459-8181.

The theme for May at **OAK POINTE CHURCH**, a new, contemporary, non-denominational church which meets for a one-hour service at 10 a.m. in the Northville High School Auditorium at 775 N. Center, will be "Heaven Help the Home."

Weekly themes in May include Children's Day; "Give 'em Wings and Let 'em Fly!" on May 25, Teenager's Day; "OK, So Jesus and Paul were both single. But do I have to be?" on June 1, Single's Day; "Why Senior Citizens Should not be Discouraged" on June 8, Senior's Day; and "It's Eleven O'clock Do You Know Where Your Father Is?" on June 15, Father's Day.

There will be a live band, coffee and baked goods, as well as children's programs for ages newborn through 11.

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

CHURCH OF TODAY WEST/UNITY, 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) 449-8900.

The atmosphere is casual and all are welcome at the spiritual adventure at **NEW SONG COMMUNITY CHURCH**, which meets at Walled Lake Middle School on Pontiac Trail near Beck Road.

For more information, call the church office at (810) 926-1512.

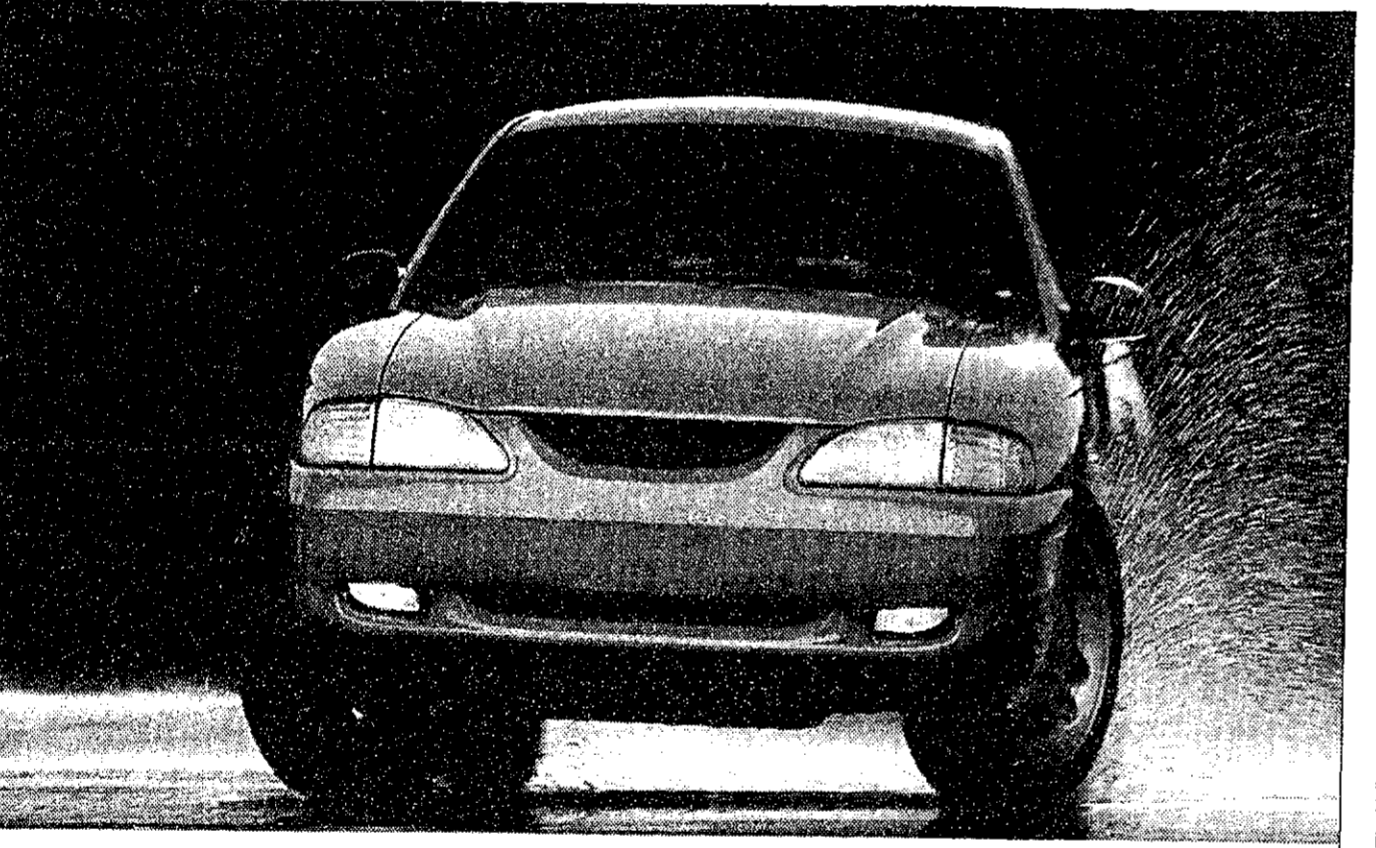
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News to share?

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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Last summer he attended the Junior Statesmen program at Northwestern University and was elected the Speaker of the House. His success led him to California, where he took part in the national conference representing the state of Michigan. He has won first place in the Detroit Catholic Francis League Debate team. During the last national presidential elections, Suneeel was selected to represent the Republican party in a mock presidential televised debate. The Dale Carnegie Institute has awarded Suneeel the highest award for achievement.

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Duo to sing songs from debut CD

In support of their self-titled debut CD, Adam and Michael Scharff, the sensitive duo from southern New Hampshire known as the Scharff Brothers, will be performing shows at The Raven Gallery on Saturday, May 24, at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Dynamic vocal harmonies, coupled with Adam's guitar virtuosity and Michael's flawless percussive guitar rhythms, are the foundation of their eclectic musical style. The Scharff Brothers play throughout the eastern United States as well as the Midwest and have been featured on numerous radio shows, including New Hampshire's public radio program *Cross Roads* and the nationally-syndicated *Acoustic Cafe*.

Their hometown newspaper in Portsmouth stated "If the Everly Brothers and the Indigo Girls had children, they might sound like the Scharff Brothers."

The Raven Gallery is located at 145 North Center Street in Northville.

For more information or ticket reservations, call The Raven Gallery at 349-9420.



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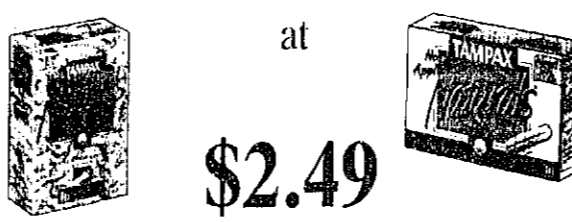
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AUDITIONS

SUMMER THEATER PROGRAM: Auditions for the Novi Theatre's Summer Theater Program for performances of *Raggedy Ann and Andy* and *The Storytellers* will be held Saturday, May 24, at 4 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Rehearsals for *Raggedy Ann and Andy* will be held June 24 through July 10 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon until 4 p.m. Performances are scheduled for July 11, 12 and 13.

Rehearsals for *The Storytellers*, which includes *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Giant with Three Golden Hairs*, *The Elves and the Shoemaker* and *The Nightingale*, will take place July 15 through 31 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon until 4 p.m. Performances are scheduled for August 1, 2 and 3.

For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

AUTHENTIC BRITISH BRASS BAND:

The Motor City Brass Band is conducting instruction for percussion and BB flat tuba (treble clef) musicians.

Rehearsals are held on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. with engagements usually twice a month on weekends or in the evenings.

For more information or to schedule an audition, call founder John Aren at (313) 531-7389.

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANNUAL PERENNIAL EXCHANGE: Novi's second Annual Perennial Exchange will be held on Saturday, May 31, at the Old Township Hall located on Ten Mile Road just east of Taft and shine from 9 a.m. until noon.

Presented by the Novi Beautification Commission, the exchange is an opportunity for residents to trade surplus healthy plants for something they've always wanted.

For more information, call the public information office at the Novi Civic Center at (248) 347-0494.

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

Musicians, actors, poets, dancers, etc., are invited to submit application forms and audition tapes, if available, to the Novi Arts Council.

For details, contact the arts council, 347-0400.

CARRIAGE RIDES: Northville Carriage Co. offers carriage rides throughout the year and packages for holidays and special occasions.

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THEATER

TIMBERS SEAFOOD GRILLE: Timbers, the home of Bananas Comedy Club, is located at 40380 Grand River west of Haggerty Road in Novi.

For ticket information, call (313) 724-1300.

MARQUIS: The musical version of the classic Brothers Grimm tale

The Shoemaker and the Elves is the story of Lockhart Cobblestone, a poor, hardworking shoemaker who lives happily with his wife Matilda. They are both charitable people who often give more than they receive. One day their lives are transformed and enriched with a little help from some magical elves.

Performance dates and times are Saturdays and Sundays May 24, 25, 31 and June 7, at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5.50.

No children under three and a half are admitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

For general ticket information and group rates, special performance times and rates, call the theater at (810) 349-8110.

FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Tuesday at 8 p.m. featuring 2XL Band. The Sunset Blues Band will host the Wednesday blues jam from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with The Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Frigates Inn is located at the corner of fourteen Mile and East Lake Drive in Novi.

For details, call (810) 624-9607.

CLUB CRISTAL AT NIFTY'S: Jazz saxophonist Larry Nozoro and his Quartet will be the first act at this new dance club located in the lower level of Nifty's Restaurant in Wolverine Lake on Friday nights from 8 p.m. to midnight. Mel Roelcher will be performing at the piano bar in the dining room lounge.

Nifty's is located at 1403 S. Commerce Road just north of Pontiac Trail.

For reservations or more information, call (810) 624-6660.

SPORTS EDITION: Every weekend guests can enjoy live entertainment at the Sports Edition Bar, located inside the Novi Hilton Hotel, 21111 Haggerty Road.

The Sports Edition is home to intrigue and other high-powered hits groups every weekend. A cover charge begins at 8 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

JAZZ NIGHT: DePalma's Dining and Cocktails, 31735 Plymouth Road in Livonia, offers live entertainment.

Larry Nozoro and Friends perform intimate jazz from 8 to 11 p.m. on Mondays.

Ron DePalma plays jazz piano from 7 to 11 p.m. every Tuesday featuring a wide variety of guest performers. Guest singers are welcome.

Strolling musicians David and Francesco entertain diners on the accordion, mandolin and guitar from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Thursdays. On Friday and Saturday Ron DePalma performs. Call (313) 261-2430.

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: An exhibit of watercolors and oils of Ulla Nelles Hall continues through June 13. A reception is scheduled for Thursday, May 22 at 7:30 p.m.

The reception and the month-long exhibit will be in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours that the Civic Center is open.

Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call (810) 347-0400.

ART SOURCE: Art Source, located at 126 Main Centre in Northville, features prints, museum reproductions, art posters, photographs, etchings, and custom framing. Business hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6

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D&M ART STUDIO: D&M Art Studio features works of various artists in the gallery and cappuccino bar.

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DANCING EYE GALLERY: Dancing Eye Gallery is located at 150 N. Center Street, Suite A, behind Tuscan Cafe in Northville.

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Sprung

A film about falling hopelessly in love



Tisha Campbell, Joe Torry, Rusty Cundieff and Paula Jai Parker stars in "Sprung."

These days, it seems every time you walk into a movie theater, some poor, hapless soul on screen is looking for love in all the wrong places. But what such movies don't recognize is that sometimes, love can blossom exactly when you're not looking for it.

Unexpected romance is the subject of "Sprung," the new comedy from Trimark pictures, directed by Rusty Cundieff, whose past projects include horror anthology "Tales From the Hood" and the rap mockumentary "Fear of a Black Hat" and the screenplay for the popular comedy "House Party II."

The film centers around four twentysomethings, all with various problems with the opposite sex. Montel (played by Cundieff) wants a loving relationship, but has had trouble finding a woman who wants the same.

His best friend Clyde (Joe Torry) is a "player" — a man who only wants superficial, physical relationships. Adina (Paula Jai Parker) isn't much better, wanting nothing more than to snag a wealthy husband. And her friend Brandy (Tisha Campbell), a law clerk with ambitions of becoming an attorney, has been so wounded by men that she has sworn not to let another "dog" into her life.

The four characters meet at a sorority alumni party, when Clyde draws Adina's attention with a borrowed Porsche and a fake, strategically-placed bank statement. The two take off together, leaving Montel stranded at the party. When Brandy grudgingly gives Montel a lift home, he tries to win her over with his charm and honesty. At first she resists, reluctant to open herself up to heart-

break yet again, but eventually she realizes Montel's affection is genuine and warms up to him. Soon, the two are "sprung" or hopelessly in love.

Meanwhile, Adina becomes furious when she discovers Clyde's ruse and vows brutal (and hilarious) revenge on the manipulative player. The situation is complicated when the two realize that their friends have fallen in love. They then conspire to break the couple up, but find the task harder than they thought. After all, some people are just meant to be together.

Throughout the course of the movie, all four characters learn volumes about love, commitment and what it really means to be "sprung" on someone.

The film's subject matter is one familiar to anyone who's ever been in love (and certainly, anyone who's ever been to the movies). But Cundieff, whose past films have become cult favorites because of their offbeat approaches to routine subject matter, is sure to lend his trademark unique viewpoint and razor-sharp wit to "Sprung," which he both directed and co-wrote.

Cundieff is not the only talented person involved with the film. "Sprung" reunites the funny, sexy Parker and highly engaging Torry, who were both in Cundieff's "Tales From the Hood." The film also showcases the considerable comedic talents of Campbell, best known for her work as Gina on the sitcom "Martin" and films such as "House Party" and "Little Shop of Horrors."

In addition to the four stars, "Sprung" features cameos from stars such as Clarence Williams III, Freda Payne and Sherman Hemsley and Isabel Sanford of "The Jeffersons."

Love can be painful, difficult and miserable, as would-be lovers fall prey to the manipulative maneuvers of people they thought they could trust. But, in "Sprung," Cundieff recognizes that love can also be very funny, especially if those involved don't know how to handle the responsibilities of romance.



Tisha Campbell stars as Brandy (right) opposite Rusty Cundieff, who portrays Montel in Trimark Pictures' comedy "Sprung."

Live-action '101 Dalmatians' doesn't measure up

101 DALMATIANS
BY HEATHER WADOWSKI
NORTHVILLE

READER MOVIE REVIEWS

Following months of hype, Walt Disney's released its live-action version of "101 Dalmatians," which is now out on video. Now, the question is, how did it measure up to the original?

Honestly, not well.

Don't get me wrong. The movie is good. The puppies are adorable. But instead of capturing the original "101 Dalmatians" magic, it ended up with "Home Alone" cartoonish comedy qualities.

Filled with stupid cartoonish violence performed by robots, not

real animals. "101 Dalmatians" is only good when those adorable puppies (the real ones, not the robots) are on the screen.

Walt Disney's biggest mistake was trying to be a comedy and not the cute romantic/adventure movie it was originally. If they wanted the new "101 Dalmatians" to be a comedy and were planning on substituting robots for the real ani-

mals throughout most of the movie anyway, why didn't they let the dogs talk?

"101 Dalmatians" receives four stars out of five, with all four of those stars going to those cute puppies who make the movie. If it weren't for them, there would be no reason to even see this movie.

All I can say is that I hope Disney doesn't make a live-action "Lion King."

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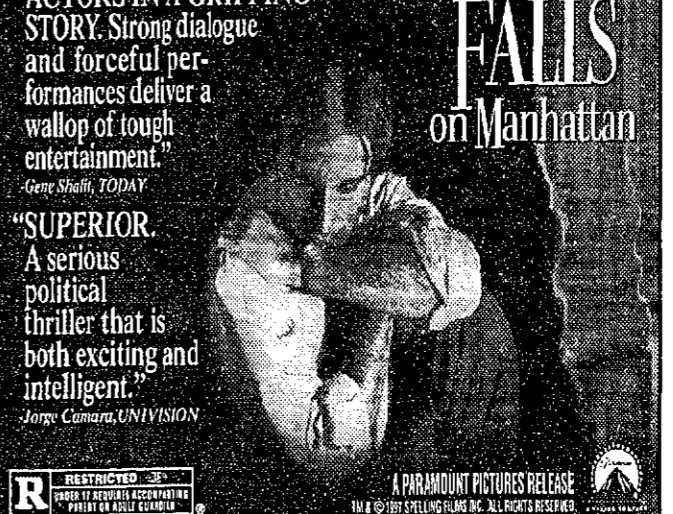
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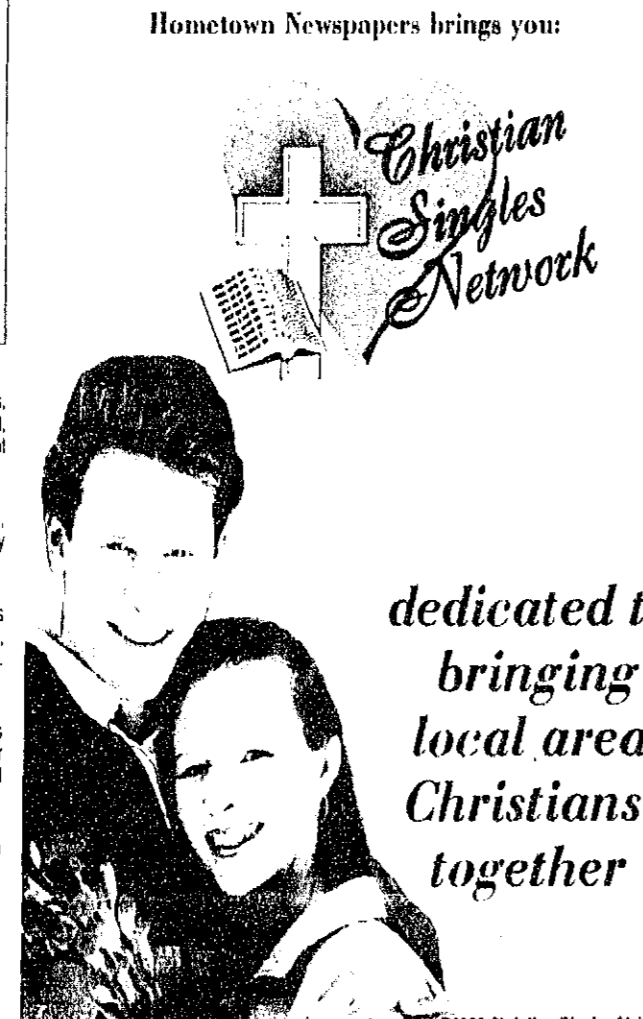
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the NOVI NEWS Sports

Runners 2nd at regional to Pinckney

By SCOTT DANIEL Sports Editor

When the women's state final track meet gets under way at Rockford High next week, Novi High will be well represented.

A total of 10 Wildcats will participate at the May 31 meet - the school's largest contingent in years. Novi qualified in four events at Saturday's Milford regional.

"We had outstanding performances all day," coach Sue Tominek said. "It was a great day for us."

In years past, Novi was happy to qualify anybody for the final. Tominek said her team is going with the idea of making some noise this time around.

"We are working on the kids mental attitude," she added. "We want them to have higher expectations."

Pinckney won the regional with 62.3 points while Novi was a distant second at 55.3. Kensington Valley Conference rival South Lyon took third with 47.3 points.

Athletes had two ways of qualifying for the big dance. Placing in the top two of any event earned an automatic ticket. Athletes could also qualify by meeting a preset standard from the state.

Audra Wolowiec finished second in the 800-meter run (2:22.2). The two-mile relay team of Michelle Steller, Brooke Albright, Katie Zimmerman and Wolowiec won with a time of 9:33.87.

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Alternative training techniques can help cut down time from injury

Injuries hurt the athlete in more ways than one. Whether you are a competitive athlete or, like many of us, enjoy staying in shape "just for the health of it," injuries are no fun. Not only is there the physical pain to contend with but also the physical deconditioning (getting out of shape) that takes place in the days, weeks or even months following time off from training.

There are alternative training techniques which can help diminish the down time of an injury by keeping the cardiovascular system conditioned while minimizing stress and strain of the affected body-part injured.

Aerobic exercise can be defined as continuous activity which utilizes oxygen for energy at the cellular level of an exercising muscle. A seasonal hobby for many, examples of aerobic activity include running or biking outdoors when the weather is nice, and in cooler weather either taking it indoors on exercise machines, or switching to other appropriate outdoor activities like cross-country skiing or ice skating.

Sometimes, however, despite taking precautions, the athlete is faced with an injury. Aerobic exercise injuries generally affect the lower extremities including the muscles and joints of the legs and feet. These injuries can range from broken bones to pulled muscles.

Muscle, tendon, and ligament strains (overstretch) and sprains (partial or complete tear) are relatively common types of injuries as well.

Overuse injuries are due to the repetitive nature of aerobic activity and result from

chronic microtrauma (small amount of injury) which surmount over the course of several days to months. The at-risk athlete is one who attempts to do too much too soon which may result in shin splints, stress fractures, sprains, etc.

Once an injury has occurred it is important to seek proper care from a qualified health care provider. "Depending on the severity of the injury an alternative exercise regimen should be initiated promptly, when appropriate," says Matthew Sciotti M.D., who treats people with athletics-related injuries at the Botsford Athletic Medicine Clinic in Novi.

Early reconditioning (getting the body back in shape) is encouraged in most cases. This is largely due to the fact that our muscles, including the heart muscle, get out of shape at a relatively rapid rate. As the injury is healing, it isn't a bad idea to initiate an alternative exercise program.

Depending on type and severity of injury, consider non-impact, then low-impact, then gradually graduate back to a regular aerobic routine.

Non-impact exercises include biking - preferably stationary - which eliminates the irregular terrain, traffic and bad weather associated with road or off-road biking. Exercise machines such as an Airdyne bike, stair stepper, rowing machine, cross-country skiing simulator, and the upper body (arm) bike can also provide aerobic fitness opportunities. Swimming is highly

recommended as an alternative to most other aerobic activities as it works the major muscle groups of the body aerobically and anaerobically by providing some resistance from the water for the muscles to push against.

Low-impact exercises include running in water, walking (indoor, outdoor or treadmill) and exercise aerobic classes.

A strong consideration should also be made to cross-train with weights. If you are not a regular lifter, weight machines are probably your best choice. This is because the range of motion and ancillary movements are controlled by the machine, leaving the emphasis of stress isolated on the muscle group being worked.

Sometimes injuries occur regardless of the kind of physical shape you are in - even if the appropriate measures are taken in terms of warm-ups and cool-downs, proper form, rest, and a sound nutrition plan. These are the times to utilize medical/rehabilitative resources and perhaps consider some of the alternatives discussed in this article.

Wishing you a healthy day.

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New infant immunization guidelines coming

Parents of infants are likely to encounter new recommendations for immunizations this year as they take their babies to their physicians and nurse practitioners for well-child care. The biggest changes affect the vaccines for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis and polio.

A preparation of the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP) vaccine, called acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine, has been available for children 15 months or 18 months old for several years. It has recently been approved for use for infants at the 2-, 4-, and 6-month visits for immunizations. The acellular vaccine is prepared from a portion of the bacterial cell wall rather than from the whole cell. It is less likely to cause side effects like fever and leg soreness and swelling. It is as effective or even more effective than the whole cell preparation in protecting against pertussis.

It is recommended that a child complete the series of 2-, 4- and 6-month shots with the same DTP preparation for all three shots. The acellular vaccine has not yet been combined with the hemophilus influenzae (HIB) vaccine, so the two vaccines must now be given as separate shots rather than as the combined DTP/HIB vaccine called tetramunc. (Your preschooler may have received the combined vaccine.) The new preparation eventually will be combined with HIB. Be sure to talk with your physician or nurse practitioner about the

preparation that will best meet your child's needs.

Another important discussion for you involves polio vaccine. Two different kinds, one injectable and one oral (taken by mouth), have been available for a long time. The oral preparation has been given to nearly all infants and children. Exceptions have been for those children living or having frequent contact with someone whose immune system is suppressed, either by being on therapy for treatment of cancer or on chronic steroid medications for other conditions.

For these people there is a small risk of contracting polio from virus shed in the stools of infants who were given the live, oral vaccine. There is a small risk for other people as well, even if they were immunized against polio as children.

When the oral polio vaccine was selected for use in the 1960s, the number of cases of paralytic polio was far higher than the number of vaccine-related cases, and the oral vaccine was selected because of its ability to provide more complete immunity to polio viruses.

Now, the number of vaccine-associated paralytic polio cases, about eight each year since 1980, is greater than the number of wild polio virus infections. Many feel that the risks associated with the continued use of oral polio vaccine outweigh the benefits and that there

should be a return to the use of the injectable vaccine first introduced in 1955, but improved since then.

A decision has, therefore, been made to offer families three choices for immunizing their infants:

- Oral polio vaccine at 2-, 4- and 6-month visits.
- Injectable polio vaccine at 2-, 4- and 6-month visits.
- Sequential series with injectable doses of polio vaccine at two and four months and an oral dose at one year and prior to school entry. A child who receives the injectable vaccine for the initial doses is not at risk of vaccine-associated paralytic polio, but will receive the additional immunity that the oral vaccine provides. Still, any child who has contact with an immune-suppressed person must receive the full injectable series of vaccines.

Be sure to read the vaccine information sheets provided by your physician or nurse practitioner and discuss the best choice for your child and family at your visits for well-child care.

Susan Engert, M.D., M.P.H., is the medical director at the Northville Health Center, the University of Michigan Health System. For information please call (810) 344-1777.

Health Notes

Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce is offering the following programs:

Put Your Best Face Forward
On Tuesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Center, a board-certified dermatologist will discuss the sun and your skin, including the truth about tanning booths. Learn how to recognize skin cancer and realistic approaches for slowing the aging process.
Call 1-888-362-2500 by May 30, for more information and registration.

Free urology lecture
A lecture series will be offered four times a year. This series was developed to broaden your knowledge about current research, therapies, treatments and health care options for urological conditions.
The first session entitled "Prostate Cancer Awareness" is on Wednesday, June 11, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the hospital's Conference Center.
A urologist will provide information on the prostate gland and its functions. Diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer, the most common cancer in men, will be discussed.
For more information or to register, call toll-free 1-888-362-2500, by June 9.

Personal Stress Management
A program designed to heighten stress awareness and provide tools that will convert daily stressors into positive energy, will be offered on Monday, June 16, from 7-9:30 p.m. at Huron Valley Hospital. A fee of \$40 includes a relaxation tape and workbook.
For more information or to register, call toll-free, 1-888-362-2500, by June 13.

Heart saver
Basic knowledge of heart and lungs, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, adult CPR, and choking rescue skills will be taught. This course does not meet requirements for day care providers. Must be 14 years or older.
Date: June 23, July 28, Aug. 25
Time: 6-9 p.m.

Location: Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi.
Cost: \$20.
To register: 1-800-968-5595.

Infant/Pediatric CPR
Basic knowledge of the heart and lungs, household safety tips, cpr, and choking rescue skills for infants and children will be taught. This course includes lecture, demonstration, mannequin practice and video review. Must be 14 years or older.
June 9, July 14, Aug. 11; 6-9 p.m.; Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. Fee \$20. Call 1-800-689-5595 to register.

Diabetes Education
A comprehensive program which includes self-monitoring of blood glucose, diet and meal planning, disease management with exercise, potential complications of the disease, and presentations by a pharmacist and a podiatrist.
Continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings, 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center (Ten Mile and Haggerty roads). There is a \$20 fee. Call (810) 424-3903 to register.

New Medications for Diabetes
A discussion about the new insulin Humalog, as well as new oral agents now available to help diabetics achieve good blood sugar control.
June 26, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. There is no charge. Call (810) 424-3903 to register.

Martial Arts for Special Children
Conducted by a black-bell martial arts instructor, a physical therapist and an exercise therapist for children ages 5-16 with special needs such as cerebral palsy, A.D.D., or sensory integration dysfunction.
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register.

Surgical Preparation
Through our Sally the Surgery Star program, children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help the child deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.
Continuous program by appointment only. Providence Medical Center-Providence Park. There is no charge. Call (810) 380-4170 to register.

Mind/Body/Spiritual Wellness
This two-part series includes and introduction to mind, body and spiritual wellness, and healing touch.
June 2 and 9, from 7-9 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park. There is no charge. Call 1-800-968-5595 for registration.

I Can Cope
"I Can Cope" program for cancer patients, their family and friends from May 27 through July 1. The free, six-week educational series sponsored by the American Cancer Society will meet on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the first floor Conference Room near the Five Mile entrance. Dates are May 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24 and July 1.
"I Can Cope" is a free program sponsored by the American Cancer Society designed to help newly diagnosed cancer patients, their friends and family members learn how to take an active role in their treatment and recovery. The program runs for six weeks and focuses on a different aspect of cancer treatment each week. Speakers include a social worker, pharmacist, registered dietitian, registered nurse, oncologist and radiation oncologist.
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