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## Flag rules revisited by city council

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

They start their sessions off with the pledge of allegiance.

But Monday, the Novi City Council recoiled at recent charges that the city's flag ordinance is downright un-American.

Because of the edict, the local Marine Corps League boycotted its home base for this year's Memorial Day parade, opting to march in Northville instead.

It's time to "revisit the flag issue," Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford suggested.

"I'm concerned with the perception that we have of being mean old unpatriotic people. I almost cry when we salute the flag before this meeting," Crawford said.

"I can appreciate the need for some kind of regulation," he added.

Some residents, including Dave Owen, commander of the Marine Corps League, have taken strong exception to governing the flying of the Stars and Stripes via a sign ordinance.

They'll have a chance to offer their input in the near future. The council decided to refer the matter to its Ordinance Review Committee, for possible discussion today. Crawford asked that local veterans groups and businesses be given a chance to offer their input on the ordinance.

"The Fourth of July is coming. I think we would like to get moving," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

Novi's sign ordinance restricts one flag per each business and commercial property. That flag can be no larger than 60 square feet. Behind this was the idea of preventing businesses like auto dealerships from using Old Glory as a way to draw attention to their services. The regulation does not apply to houses and apartments.

"If you start telling people you can only have one American flag, that's when my blood pressure goes up and my blood begins to boil," Council Member Richard Clark said.

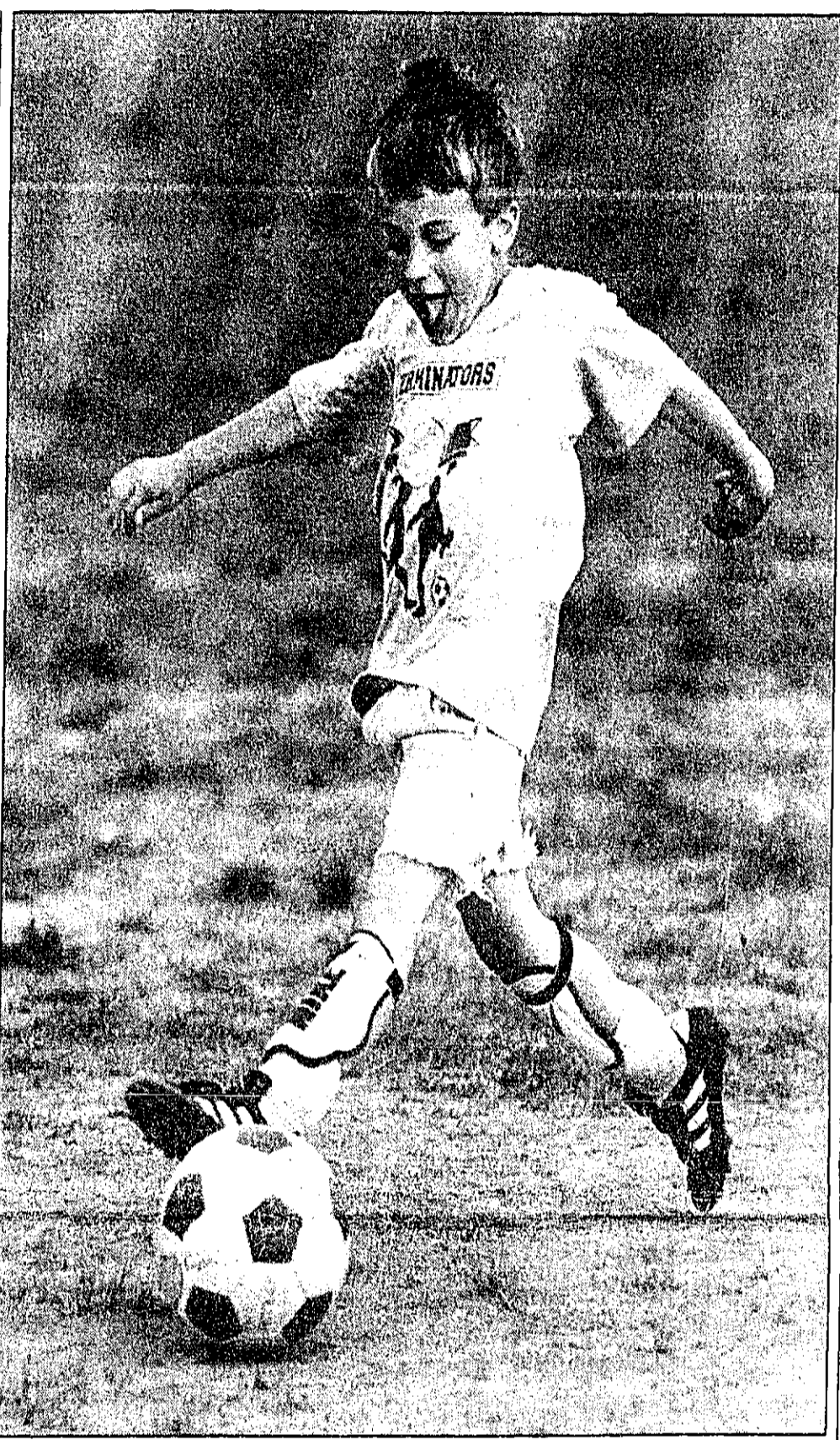


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

## Novi eyed as site for arts theater

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

The ballet, the symphony, Broadway-type shows in Novi? While this hasn't been a city known for its cultural opportunities, that could change.

Mayor Kathleen McLallen said she was approached several weeks ago by the representative of an individual she described as a philanthropist interested in building a performing arts theater, preferably in Novi's downtown area.

Although McLallen said it's too early to name names, included in what could be a public/private partnership would be a professional company with experience in running operations of this nature.

"There is someone that is strongly interested and it is a true benefactor, the likes of which we have never seen. It's something the community will be way, way excited about," McLallen said last week.

"We're not sure when we'll get it. That requires some funding and their initiative. It is such a wonderful opportunity for a true performing arts theater."

"You want to step right up and say you bet, we're ready."

McLallen said she was holding a Thursday drop-in session at the mayor's conference room when someone approached her with the plan.

"This party came to us as a representative and said 'here's the deal,'" she added. "The particular cultural entity he is supporting is in existence already, that's about the sum and substance of it."

Right now, the city is exploring the feasibility of the idea and a possible site for the project. More details should come forward by summer's end, the mayor said.

The theater would be an asset to the concept of Novi's Main Street/Novi Road/Grand River Avenue area as the city's entertainment district, but some of the sites now under consideration are already occupied by existing developments, McLallen said.

"Somebody else owns the land," she explained.

## Blackmail or business? Council approves RUD

By JAN JEFFRES  
Staff Writer

Good business practices or blackmail, it's all in how you look at it.

The Novi City Council was of two minds about that issue Monday night during a discussion of the drawn-out details of a land deal between the City of Novi, the school district and Delta Trucking Company.

After the Novi City Council approved a new residential unit development ordinance (RUD), the question raised by Council Member Rob Mitzel was what

happens next.

July 7 might see a major step. Steve Weiner, president of Harvest Land Company, said the firm will bring in its residential unit development area plan then.

"We have been working very closely with the city, while retaining the right which we feel is justifiably ours of retaining credit for the land," Weiner said.

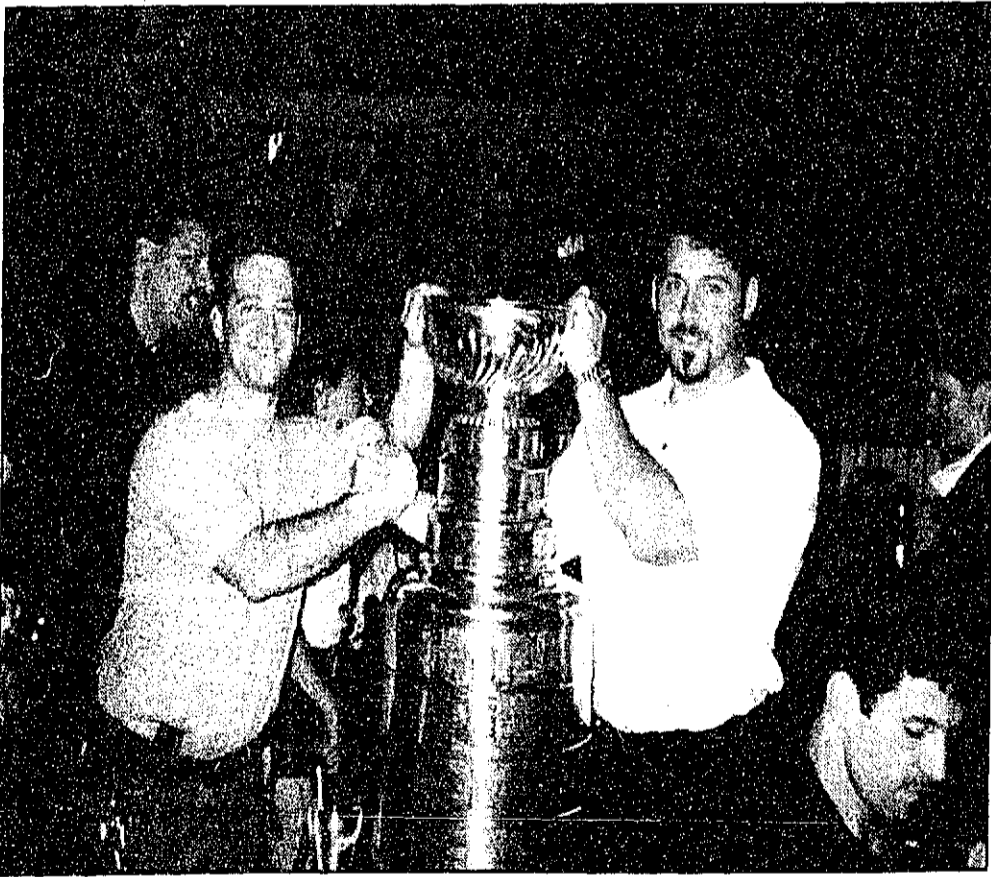
"We think that if that plan is approved, the school could be under construction the next day," (City attorneys) Mr. Fried and Mr. Watson would agree that that has

## Concentration

Novi Youth Soccer league player Ryan Klaus concentrates on the ball as he heads towards the net. His team, The Terminators, was practicing in front of Novi Woods Elementary School last week. The Terminators is for first and second grade level school students.

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## Wings spend time at the Library

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

Have you seen Stanley?

"The Cup" that is. You know, "Lord Stanley."

The revered silver goblet appeared in Novi Friday morning at the Library Pub and Grill. Eight of Detroit's Red Wings popped in at the bar, including Captain Steve Yzerman, Brendan Shanahan, Nicklas Lidstrom, Martin LaPointe, Kirk Maltby, Kris Draper, Mike Vernon and Kevin Hodson.

The group of hockey men, some

of whom try to live quiet lives in Novi, dropped by about 1:40 a.m. after the team dinner in Southfield.

"We know Martin LaPointe and Kevin Hodson and mentioned if they had a chance, to bring The Cup by," said manager Norm Buchler.

"We got a call from Kevin Hodson about 1 a.m. ... and he said 'Can you guys make some room?'" explained co-manager Bob Barnett.

Sure enough, Barnett said, a little while later a caravan of cars

and a stretch limousine pulled into the parking lot and out poured the Red Wings with their wives. And of course, Stanley.

"They all had a drink and gave us a chance to take pictures and shake hands and make it a memorable moment," Barnett said.

"The people in the bar were awestruck," he added. "I couldn't believe how lucky we were to have something like this happen."

Barnett said it was a testimony to the team, who after winning the final game of the series

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## Playscape comes to life for children

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL  
Staff Writer

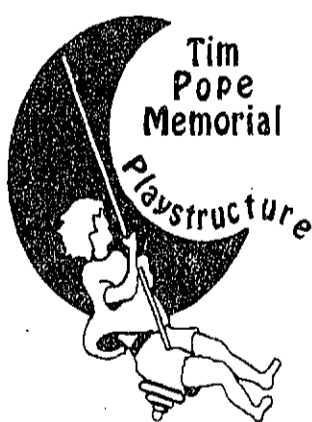
Through the eyes of an adult, the southern yellow pine playscape might look like any other playground, but look through the eyes of a child and you'll see a castle rising out of the sand.

You'll spot forest green tubular slides cascading down from the wooden forts while a moat of woodchips keeps the enemy out. You'll glimpse peaked lookout

towers lend a perfect vantage point to spot intruders. And a ship is there to provide a quick getaway in the event of an invasion.

Designed by Robert Leathers of Leathers & Associates but inspired by the students of Novi's lower grade schools, the castle and pirate ship-themed Tim Pope Memorial Playscape holds many hidden treasures.

Besides the tiny nooks and crannies in which kids can tuck



themselves away or play hide and seek, there's places to climb, slide, hang and swing.

Entrance ways lead to ramps or

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A special section ...

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## Online ad service launched

So you want to sell your car and you want anyone from any hometown in the state - in the country for that matter - to see your ad.

You can do just that - and for as little as \$25 - with the debut this week of AdVillage, an Internet classified marketplace launched this week by Suburban Communications Corp., whose subsidiaries include HomeTown Newspapers and HomeTown Online.

AdVillage, which began operating Monday, allows customers to place an ad directly on the Web where it joins thousands of other ads to form the most comprehensive Internet classified site in Michigan, if not the country.

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## Man enters gas station stark naked

A 22-year-old Highland man walked stark naked into the Mobile gas station on Grand River Avenue May 31 and grabbed a pack of gum but couldn't pay for it.

"Oh, I left my money in my pants," he told the clerk and then left the building, according to police. The incident occurred at 2 a.m.

Novi Police are requesting a warrant for indecent exposure against the man, who was caught on videotape and tracked down by way of the license plate of the van he got into after the incident.

### CAR CONDIMENTS

Unknown suspects threw ketchup and maple syrup all over a Thriftway man's Pontiac Grand Prix June 13.

Police said the man heard firecrackers outside his home about 3 a.m. and went outside to investigate. He found the car smothered with the condiments and nasty words written on his driveway in motor oil.

### TRUCK TAKEN

A Detroit News delivery truck was stolen from the Grand River

## Police News

### AVENUE PLANT, JUNE 13

According to police reports, an employee locked the building around 11 p.m., but when a second employee arrived an hour later for duty, the garage door was completely open and an inside door open. The white truck was gone.

Police said there was no sign of forced entry.

### STROLLER SCAVENGED

A 37-year-old Livonia woman left her stroller near the children's play area at Twelve Oaks Mall only to return to find her money and credit cards were stolen as she played with her child.

Police said there are no suspects in the June 12 incident.

### BATTLE OF THE BANDS

A 17-year-old Novi boy threatened to sell a 16-year-old's band equipment if he didn't pay him the \$80 he says the teen owes him.

Police said the boys played in a band together and the older teen took the equipment May 26 and

kept it until June 11, when police spoke to him. However the equipment was returned in damaged condition, the report said.

Police said a friend reports he saw a videotape in which the suspect is destroying the equipment.

### SLOSHED SLEEPER

A 39-year-old Novi man was found passed out in his car at the Chateau Estates Mobile Home park June 13. Police said a crowd gathered around the car as he slept in the middle of the road.

According to the report, the man smelled of intoxicants and appeared drunk. Once awakened, he failed sobriety tests and registered a 0.33 blood alcohol level breath test at the scene. The legal limit is 0.1.

Police moved the vehicle from the road, noting the car was in drive and the key was in the "on" position in the ignition, according to the report.

Paramedics arrived on the scene and the man was belligerent when

police attempted to arrest him. He became physically abusive and an officer was forced to use pepper spray to subdue the man. According to police, this is his third drunk driving arrest.

### TECHNOLOGY TAKEN

Nearly \$13,000 worth of computer equipment was taken from Greater Engineering on Ten Mile Road. Suspects gained entry, June 7, when a clutter block was thrown through the window, police said.

### CAR BREAK-INS

A 1995 Ford Bronco and 1991 Ford Escort were broken into earlier this month as they sat in the rear lot of Keford Collision. Police said a radar detector, hockey trading cards and photographs were taken.

### APARTMENT ENTERED

A break-in occurred at the Beachwalk Apartments the night of June 7.

Police said unknown suspects pried open a window and stole a CD rack, several items of gold jewelry and an electric drill from the home.

## Church run to support playscape

The 15th Annual Faith Community Church Run is scheduled for Saturday, June 21 and will benefit the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape.

According to organizer Dave Sheeran, the church wanted to honor the late congregation member and city councilman. The playscape was a dream of Pope's while on the Novi City Council and came to fruition as volunteers last week finished construction.

The One Mile Fun Run begins at 9 a.m. that day at Faith Community Church located at 44400 W. Ten Mile Road across from the police station. The Four Mile Run begins at 9:20 a.m. Check-in time for both events is from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The first 130 registrants for both runs will receive T-shirts and ribbons will go to all One Mile Fun runners. First, Second and Third place awards will go to individuals in each of the nine divisions, plus special awards to overall male and female winners. Call Dave Sheeran at 349-8704 or Tom Anan at 347-2457.

## Novi Briefs

### Jump in the race

For those interested in running for the Novi City Council or for mayor, the first day to officially turn in petitions at the Novi City Clerk's office is Monday, June 23. Hopefuls can either pick up the petitions at the clerk's office and collect signatures of 100 Novi voters or they can just pay \$100. The last day to turn in a petition is July 11 by 4 p.m. Five spots are open on the Novi City Council.

### Scholarship winners

Seven Novi Community School District residents received Fuerst Scholarships this month: Mark Riggs, a 1990 graduate of Novi High School (\$4,000); Anna Schmidt, a 1994 graduate of Novi High School (\$3,000); Deborah Franz, a 1996 graduate of Novi High School (\$3,000); and four 1997 Novi High School graduates Karoly Kokko, Amy Mitchell, Heather Kortant and Michael DiClaudio.

### Tax levy approved

The Novi Board of Education approved the July 1997 (Summer) tax levy June 5. The summer tax levy is 50 percent of the total 1997-98 levy, or 5.7450 General Operating Mills and 2.8500 Debt Mills and is to be levied against Homestead property for a total of 8.5950 mills. Non-homestead property will be taxed 12 General Mills and 2.85 Debt Mills. The owner of a \$200,000 home in Novi will pay approximately \$860 in summer school taxes.

### Roads closed

While you're driving around Novi, expect to find road blocks here and there. Due to work on the Haggerty Connector, Thirteen Mile Road between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads, is expected to remain closed until July. When Thirteen Mile does reopen again, expect Fourteen Mile to be closed until July 1998. Deam repair work is ongoing on the Ten Mile Road bridge over I-96/I-275, with an October completion date anticipated. During the construction, there will be hourly closures on I-96/I-275 and a permanent lane closure on east and westbound Ten Mile.

### Opting out

The Novi Board of Education agreed unanimously last month to opt out of the School of Choice option available to Oakland County schools. If districts choose, they can allow other Oakland students to attend their schools. Novi trustees said the district would not be able to take on any extra students with the Novi population growing yearly anyway.

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## Police search for suspect in parking lot robbery

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Novi Police are looking for a man who robbed a Marshall's employee of the store's money in the parking lot Monday.

Two female employees of Marshall's left the store in the West Oaks II shopping center about 1:30 p.m. to take the store's deposit to the bank. As they were getting in a car near the store, a black male approached them.

"Give me the bag, I have a gun," he demanded.

The women handed over the money and were told to get in their car.

"Don't look back for five minutes or my partner will shoot you," he told them.

Police said the women never saw a weapon and did not see how the man got away with the navy blue Comerica Bank bag.

"I would suspect this is somebody that's worked for them or supplied some information," said Det. John April.

The man is described as a black about 25- to 30-years-old. He wore a dark "Georgetown" baseball cap and green parka covering most of his body. His face was partially covered by sunglasses.



Wanted for robbery

## Bullard bill puts more money to roads

More money may go toward repairing and maintaining Michigan's roads, especially in Oakland County, under a bill recently passed by the state Senate. Announced Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, Bullard supported Senate Bill 581, sponsored by Sen. Philip Hoffman, R-Horton, which would require heavy commercial trucks to pay more for the damage they cause to Michigan roads through higher registration fees.

"It is only fair that heavy trucks pay more because they cause more damage to the roads than any other vehicle," Bullard said. "Here in Oakland County, commercial trucks do a lot of business. Therefore, they should be responsible for the damage they cause to our roads."

Bullard noted that currently Michigan allows the highest truck weights in the nation - up to 160,000 pounds. Evidence shows

a correlation between heavy truck traffic and the deterioration of roads, Bullard argues.

Under the bill, registration fees would increase by 30 percent. But the fee increase would not apply to agricultural vehicles or those operated by non-profit and charitable organizations. In addition, trucks that weigh less than 80,000 pounds and travel less than 25,000 miles per year would see only a 15 percent increase in fees.

## An Open Letter to All Novi Residents

### PERE MARQUETTE EMPLOYEES' CREDIT UNION

Michael L. Thomson  
President and Chief Executive Officer

June 19, 1997

Dear Novi Residents,

On June 20, we will be embarking on a new and exciting mission. On that date, we will amend our bylaws with the State of Michigan and become **Novi Community Credit Union**, a financial institution serving the residents of Novi.

The Novi Community Credit Union is a full-service financial institution owned by its members. Membership will be open to all who live or work in Novi. As a credit union all profits, after expenses, are returned to the member-owners in the form of lower cost products and services.

Novi is a beautiful community in which to both live and work, and its one of the fastest growing cities in the state. We wish to offer the residents of Novi value through a wide variety of financial products and services. We invite your comments and suggestions on how we may serve you and the community.

Please stop and visit us on or after June 20, when the Novi Community Credit Union will be open for business. In the meantime, please send me your comments on what you think a community credit union should provide its members. Please drop me a note or call me at (248) 348-8500, Extension 126.

We want the Novi Community Credit Union to make a difference for you and the community.

Sincerely,

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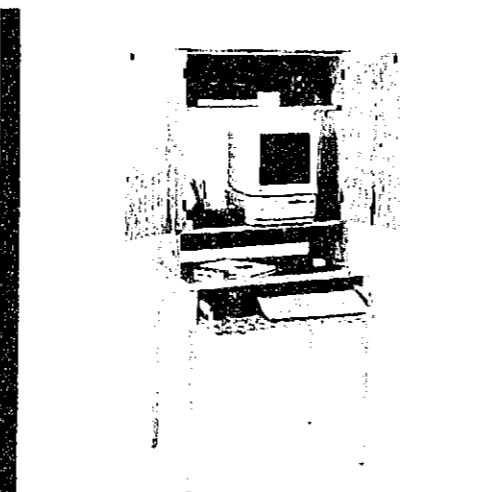
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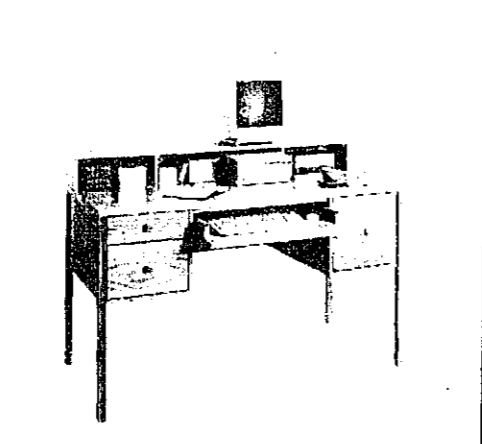
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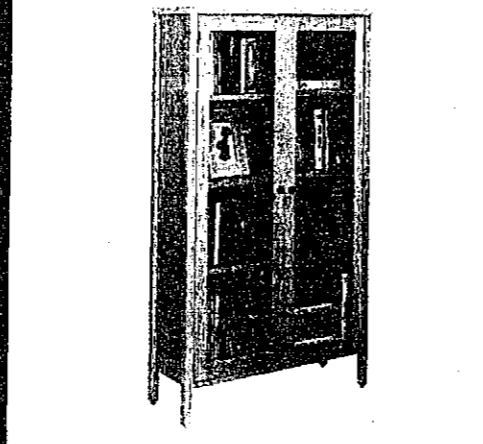
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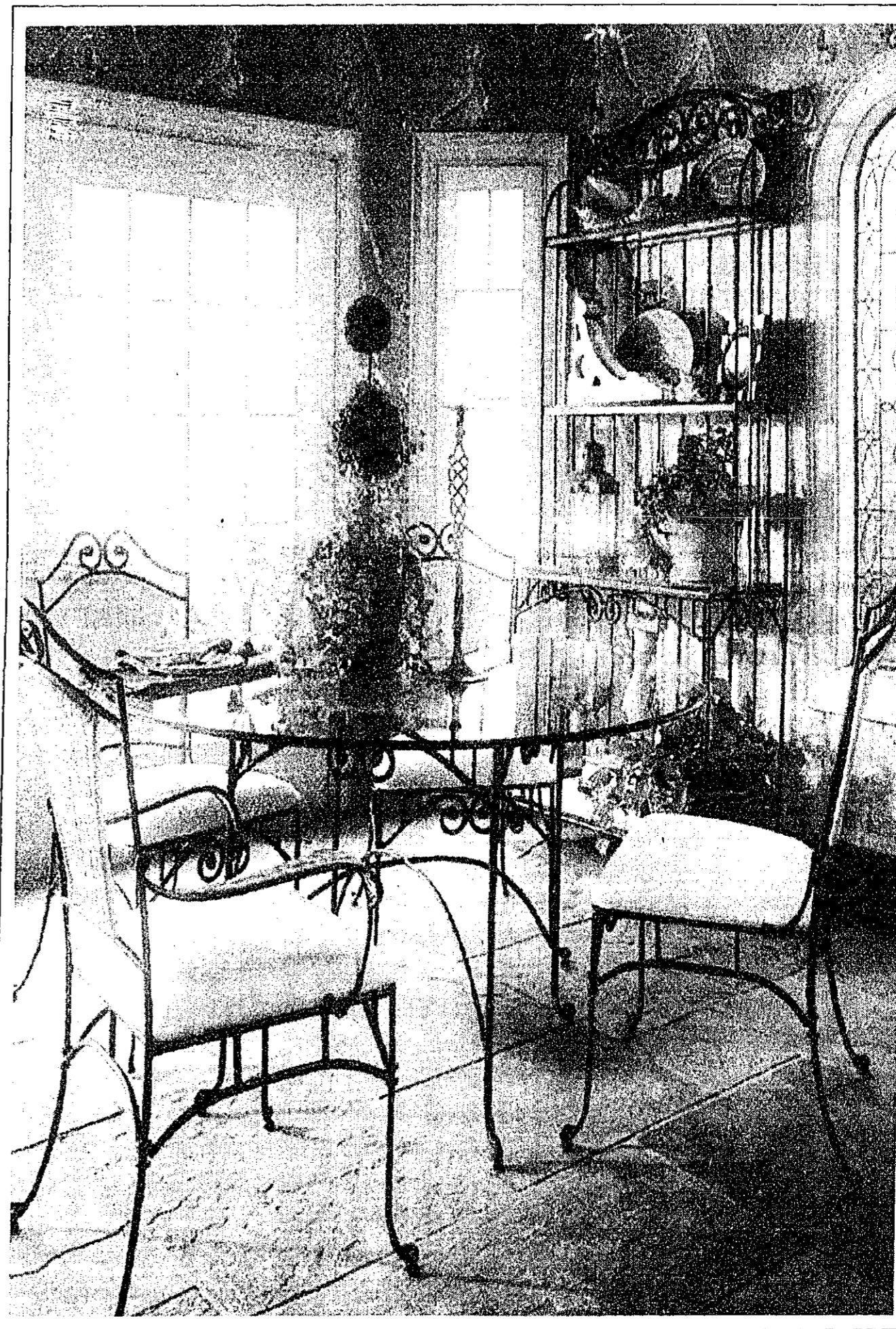
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### The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending June 15. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

**MONDAY, JUNE 9**  
Medical, 39584 Blakeston, 6:57 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 23615 Stonehenge, 8:16 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, Twelve Oaks-Arby's, 1:36 p.m., Squad 1.  
Electrical fire, Eleven Mile and Beck Road, 10:15 p.m., Engine 4.  
Gas leak, 31120 Walden, 10:24 p.m., Engine 2.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 10**  
Fire alarm, 30844 Centennial, 7:17 a.m., Engines 1, 2.  
Injury accident, Nine Mile and Haggerty, 7:55 a.m., Squad 3.  
Electrical fire, 23703 Stonehenge, 10:25 a.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 24729 Bashian, 1:39 p.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, 27775 Novi Road, 2:04 p.m., Squad 1.

p.m., Squad 1.  
Fire alarm, Parkway School, 4:10 p.m., Engines 1, 4.  
Medical, 20871 E. Glen Haven, 5:29 p.m., Squad 3.  
Trash fire, Wainright and Martin, 7:27 p.m., Engine 2.  
Medical, 41875 Liberte, 11:03 p.m., Squad 2.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11**  
Medical, 45182 West Road, 4:43 a.m., Squad 1.  
Detail-service, Eight Mile and Napier, 8:30 a.m., Tanker 1.  
Stand by, Nine Mile and Conenara, 9:10 a.m., Response 510.  
Electrical fire, 23554 Greening, 10:29 a.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 43055 Crescent, 6:02 p.m., Squad 1.

Wire down, 21512 Novi Road, 6:30 p.m., Engine 3.  
Medical, 42255 Fountain Park, 9:22 p.m., Squad 1.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 12**  
Medical, 24729 Bashian, 7:03 a.m., Squad 1.  
Injury accident, Novi and Grand

River, 11:25 a.m., Squad 1.  
Fire alarm, 21051 Haggerty, 12:02 p.m., Engines 1, 3.  
Medical, Novi and Thirteen Mile Road, 1:37 p.m., Engine 2.  
Injury accident, Ten Mile and Novi Road, 4:22 p.m., Squad 3.  
Injury accident, Nine Mile and Novi Road, 5:32 p.m., Squad 3.  
Building fire, 26053 Town Center, 6:03 p.m., Engines 1, 2.  
Service, Eight Mile and Napier, 8:30 p.m., Tanker 1.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 13**  
Service, Eight Mile and Napier, 8:30 a.m., Tanker 1.  
Medical, 20871 E. Glen Haven, 11:41 a.m., Squad 3.  
Medical, 48150 Grand River, 2:54 p.m., Engine 4.  
Medical, Rousseau and Miquelon, 3:49 p.m., Squad 2.  
Medical, 23603 N. Rockledge, 6:39 p.m., Squad 3.  
Electrical fire, 39455 Ten Mile, 8:22 p.m., Engine 3.  
Service, 26401 Novi Road, 9:01 p.m., Squad 1.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 14**  
Service, Eight Mile and Napier, 8:30 a.m., Tanker 1.  
Public service, Town Center, 10:55 a.m., Engine 1.  
Brush fire, 43440 West Oaks, 2:02 p.m., Engine 1.  
Gas leak, 45021 Drocton Court, 3:03 p.m., Engine 3.  
Injury accident, I-96 and Taft Road, 3:52 p.m., Squad 1.  
Injury accident, I-96 and I-275, 9:57 p.m., Squad 1.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15**  
Medical stand by, Pope Park, 8:28 a.m., Squad 4.  
Medical, 40225 Harrison, 9:12 a.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 22502 Mansion, 11:38 a.m., Squad 3.  
Trash fire, 601 South Lake, 5:08 p.m., Engine 2.  
Service, Eight Mile and Napier, 6:30 p.m., Engine 1.  
Medical, 25547 Clark, 8:16 p.m., Squad 1.  
Medical, 43700 Crescent, 11:23 p.m., Squad 1.

### Fireworks misuse leaves thousands injured annually

The fireworks season has arrived and the Michigan State Police Fire Marshal Division is reminding everyone to be careful with fireworks and to follow the law. Every year there are hundreds of injuries and numerous fires as a result of fireworks. In fact, approximately 11,000 Americans sustained some type of injury from fireworks last year. Most of the injuries are caused by serious misuse of the fireworks.

Children from age 5 to 14 are the ones most frequently involved in fireworks-related injuries, pointing out the need for close adult supervision of all fireworks activities. All fireworks can be unpredictable, including those that are considered legal under Michigan law. Even legal fireworks need to be handled with extreme caution.

"We don't want to see anyone in Michigan injured as a result of fireworks," commented Capt. Wade Schaefer, State Fire Marshal. "In the hands of amateurs, fireworks are a serious fire and burn hazard with the potential for extreme harm. We aren't telling people not to celebrate, we just want them to celebrate safely and under the guidelines of the law."

The fireworks law in Michigan defines what is legal and what is not. Legal fireworks include: flat paper caps, toy trick noise makers (fun snaps, pop-its, etc.), sparklers, fountains that are cone shaped and emit a shower of sparks, toy snakes, toy smoke devices, and signal flares (including railroad emergency signaling devices). Examples of illegal fireworks include: cherry bombs, comets, firecrackers, M-80s, bottle rockets, Roman candles, silver



**Jumping for joy**  
At left, Nozomu Hayashi grits his teeth and yanks against a rope in a tug-of-war contest, renamed as a "pull of conflict" for the Novi Woods end-of-the-year field day. Above, David Carnegie jumps for joy after winning the race to see which group of students could pass themselves through a hula hoop.

### Budget leads to fight over sexuality

State lawmakers will be studying dotted (s) and crossed (s) as they iron out differences in higher education budget bills.

Chair of the Appropriations Committee. "Taxpayers shouldn't pay for this," replied Sen. Bill Schuette, R-Midland, sponsor of the ban on same-sex benefits. The University of Michigan spent \$160,000 and Wayne State University \$17,000 on such benefits, he said.

The chief problem is that banning the use of money for certain purposes is that it's a policy question that legislative leaders say doesn't belong in a budget bill. Besides, they say, a budget bill is law for only one year while a policy bill is forever.

### Developer files suit over rejection of plan

While some Novi residents were able to protest, a shopping center development at Nine Mile and Haggerty roads last year, the City of Farmington Hills is now being sued over its refusal to grant the rezoning for the Kroger store and other retailers.

According to Donohue, there is more than a Kroger store at stake in this lawsuit. "In effect, they're trying to get a court to reverse (Paragon)," Donohue said. "For them to prevail, at a minimum, they'd have to go to the Michigan Supreme Court and persuade them that they made a mistake."

But in January 1997, the ZBA nixed the request, saying that the Midland Group failed to show local reaction to the Kroger proposal. Although some residents expressed interest in having a grocery/drug store development nearby, the majority of Hills and Novi residents who showed up fought the idea.

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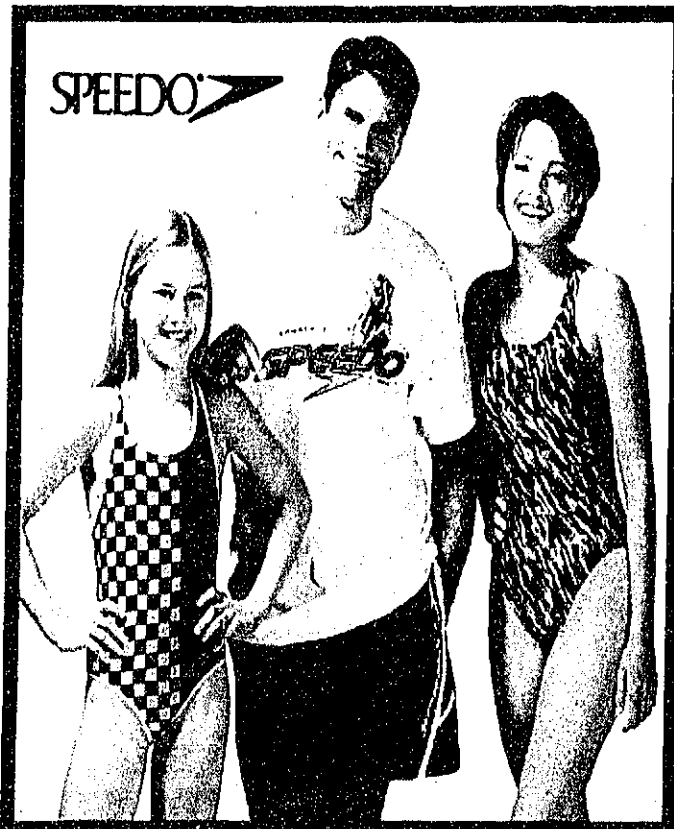
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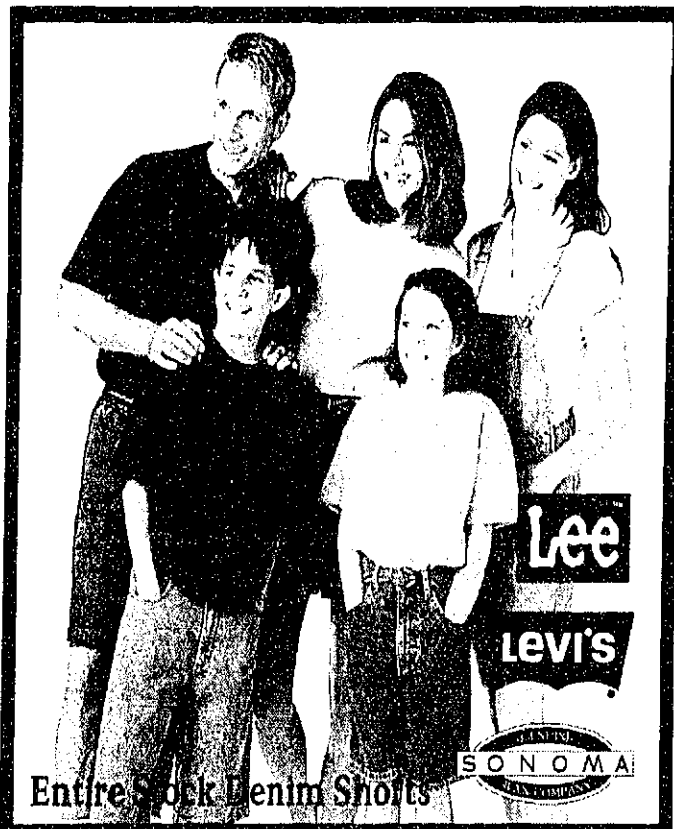


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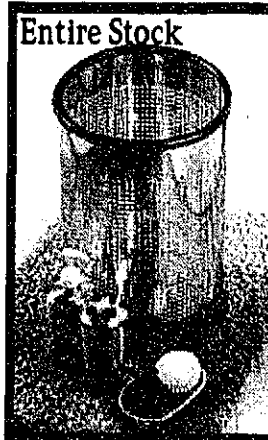
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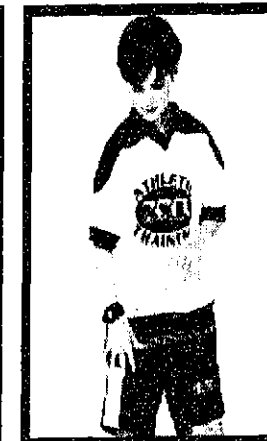
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State reviews special ed costs

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer State and local school officials will be taking a hard look at special education costs now that the Michigan Supreme Court has told Lansing it no longer may short-change local districts.

Western Wayne County officials have put together a book showing that an ever-growing percentage of their students are being assigned into over-costlier special ed programs.

The state next fall will put up about \$5.160 per pupil, but that's only an average. Regular classrooms cost only a fraction of that to operate.

But a special education resource classroom costs an additional \$4,500 to \$6,000 per pupil. A special education classroom placement costs an additional \$8,000 to \$12,000.

And if a youngster is assigned to full-time residential placement in the Michigan School for the Blind and Deaf, the cost runs to \$100,000 per pupil.

Special ed is costly, says MAJSL, because the pupil-teacher ratio is lower; support services are needed from psychologists, occupational therapists and other paraprofessionals; extra materials are needed; and pupils often must be transported.

Over the last 20 years, public school enrollment statewide has declined. But special ed enrollment, locally and statewide, has soared.

Take just one category: learning disabled (LD). In 1978 fewer than 2 percent of all Wayne County students were classified LD. In 1996, more than 4 percent. Statewide, LD rose from 2 percent in 1976 to 5 percent in 1996.

The book is entitled "Special Education Presentation" and was prepared by the Metropolitan Association for Improved School Education, a group of 10 suburban districts. Its executive secretary and lobbyist is Gerald Dunn, a former state senator.

Matters are coming to a head. The Supreme Court on June 10 found the state was shorting \$4 mostly suburban school districts on several mandated costs - special ed being the largest - in violation of the 1976 amendment to the Michigan Constitution. Total cost is estimated at \$500 million to \$3.5 billion.

The high court ordered the parties to submit briefs on how the costs will be paid back.

MAJSL's chart shows that state funding of special ed fell from a 1975 level of 45 percent to 15 percent in 1980, when the suburban districts filed suit. Today state funding is in the 5 percent range.

Lawmakers call the court loss a "budget buster." In back rooms, they are looking at ways to cut future costs. One plan, floated by state budget director Mark Murray, calls for dropping Michigan's 1971 standards, which call for educating a pupil to the full potential from birth through age 25, to the 1975 federal standard, which specifies ages 3 to 21.

Here is the broad picture statewide:

• Total enrollment dropped 21 percent - from 2.1 million in 1975 to 1.6 million in 1995.

• Special ed enrollment rose 31 percent - from 147,000 to 194,000 in 1995.

• The category of special ed called learning disabled has soared even more, from fewer than 20,000 in 1975 to more than 82,000 in 1995, or 316 percent.

Such national publications as Time Magazine and USA Today have reported that families are driving up the cost by insisting their children be classified as learning disabled.

"Schools that are using the IST approach have demonstrated referral rates that are one-third to one-half those of schools that have not yet implemented the process," the journal said.

"During a three-year period, schools have reduced referrals by as much as 67 percent."

Beauty panel takes contest nominations

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer What do Sonny's Catering, Novi Woods Elementary School and Chase Farms subdivision have in common?

They were among the winners in the 1996 Novi Beautification Commission's annual city beautification contest.

The event honors those who make their little corner of the world, in this case Novi, lovelier to the eye with green growing things. Past winners have ranged from residents with green thumbs to professional landscaping firms.

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A short history of playscapes

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer They've sprouted up everywhere. In Endic, Oklahoma. Mount Vernon, Iowa. Portland, Maine. Jerusalem, Israel.

Forget the swing set and a couple of slides. Today's kids have fun in play palaces. And many - if not most of them - have been made with the help of architect Robert Leathers and his firm Leathers & Associates of Ithaca, New York.

Last weekend, while volunteers here were busy whacking nails and hacking wood for the Novi playstructure, their counterparts were doing the same thing in Doylestown and Baldwinborough, PA.

Twenty-five years ago, Leathers, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, was an architect of office buildings when he imagined his first playstructure, a sand box, for a school yard in Ithaca.

"Over the year, it got bigger and bigger and it evolved," said John Dean, of Leathers & Associates, who designed both the Northville and Novi playscapes.

"These projects have a lot of heart in them. They're not something out of a catalog. The way they're shaped, the way they're built, it's all different."

Usually, a community only pulls together for a disaster, like a flood, he said. But a playscape can channel those same energies. Dean likens it to "a man-made semi-crisis."

"People come together in a controlled chaos atmosphere," he added.

From a one-man firm in 1975, Leathers & Associates has grown to a company with 39 employees



Michelle Sankovic decorates the playscape with chains made by children in the child care center.

Playscape has many features

Continued from 1 steps leading to more ramps or steps made of Plex, recycled plastic grocery bags and sawdust, which requires no maintenance.

Tired of climbing, adventurous guests can stop to play the chimes, tic tac toe or talk through one of three "phone systems."

Sandboxes are found at various turns, while suspended walkways connect tower to tower. Benches at various spots provide respite for weary feet.

For a quick exit from the towers in the sky, kids can slide down a rope, a pole or a slide, exiting from the mouth of a purple monster or green alien mouth.

A ship steers the way on the south side of the structure. A wheel at the head of the wooden ship navigates the way. A mermaid serves as a lookout at the front of the bow.

Swings, slides, tires, and monkey bars rest off to the east, a Tot Lot sits enclosed to the north.

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Only glitch, wood sent to wrong site

By WENDY PIEMAN MITZEL Staff Writer How much wood could a wood truck truck if a wood truck could truck wood?

An awful lot. But can it get to the right place?

"There was a temporary moment of panic the night of June 4 at the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape meeting when Novi Parks and Recreation employees walked into the room and said, 'We've got a problem with the wood.'"

The first of three shipments of lumber for the Novi playscape arrived at a Robert Leathers site, but it wasn't Novi's. The truck driver pulled in at the Northville playscape site instead.

"I can almost envision (the driver) stopping for directions and asking, 'Do you know where the playscape is?' and somebody saying, 'Yeah, down the street,'" said Warren Jocz, a member of the Tim Pope Playscape Committee.

"It was a moment of uh-oh," he added.

Luckily, Northville organizers painted the truck, still loaded with the lumber, in the right direction and it arrived only a few minutes later at the Novi playscape site.

"We almost said, 'Bring it in here, we might need it,'" laughed Kevin Hartsborne, one of the organizers of the Northville playscape, Fort Griswold.

Hartsborne said there were no other major snafus, except some people dropped off tools for the Novi playscape at the Northville site.

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# Minority raps developer, but RUD approved

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Currently, lawyers for the school district, the city and the landowners are working on an agreement that would essentially enable Harvest Land to gain density credits for about 107 acres of property that will be sold to Novi. The credits would enable the developers to build about 85 additional homes.

City Manager Ed Krawiec put it more bluntly.

"It is my understanding there will be no sale of the land until there is an area plan agreement," he said.

Council Member Robert Schmid charged that the landowners and development company were using the Novi school district's need to start breaking ground soon for a new \$25 million middle school as a wedge to win concessions from the city, which he called "blackmail."

"This ordinance has passed. The developer has won. I think that now he'd go to the school and sell the property," Schmid said.

"I think that this developer is holding up the school district."

But to Council Member Kathy Murch, the developers are looking after their own business interests.

"Why in the world would anybody sell that property and put themselves in the position of now you don't own that property anymore," she said.

Currently, lawyers for the city, the Novi school district and Delta Trucking are working on a document that will accompany the land sale.

"All three parties are writing it. None of us wants to claim authorship," City Attorney David Fried said Tuesday.

Among the terms are that the city and the school district would be required to comply with the terms of the new RUD ordinance.

"White it's not spelled out, Fried said the document implies that when the land changes hands, Harvest Land will be able to get density credits for the 107 acres or so sold by Delta.

The revamped RUD ordinance passed in a second reading with a simple majority, with Schmid, Murch and Council Member Richard Clark voting no.

In February, the Harvest Lake area plan was submitted to the city under Novi's old RUD ordinance. It must be evaluated by the city council under the new ordinance, Fried told the council.

Several council members said they first wanted the area plan reconsidered by the planning commission, which earlier approved it based on the now outdated rules.

However, the majority agreed not

to slow down the process by shipping the job back to the planners.

Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford argued that changes in the ordinance are "not significant enough."

"The school and park land issue is a major, major issue. If we send this back, it would significantly delay everything. There are projects in jeopardy for the school district. If you want to talk about tax dollars, it's a significant amount," Crawford said.

Schmid preferred getting input from the commission.

"This should be taken before the planning commission, to be fair to the developer, to be fair to the city council," he said.

"If it's going to delay the school, which is out and out blackmail in my mind, I would be agreeable to having it come forward."

The new RUD ordinance modifies language in the old edition that permitted a developer to seek density credit for the entire acreage of a lake. Now, a public park area of 100 feet wide and equal to 25 percent of the lake's acreage must be created in order to win density credit for an entire lake.

A goal of the ordinance is to encourage developers to spare desirable natural features such as meadows, historic buildings and unregulated woods in exchange for density credits.

An earlier formula proposed by Mitzel fell through when Council Member Ed Kramer withdrew his support for it. The Mitzel version would have given a developer density credit based on the portion of the shoreline that was kept as park land, such as 25 percent for 25 percent.

"Council Member Mitzel convinced me we were on the same page. Unfortunately, I don't think it came out to my vision of what we were trying to do. I do view the lake as a water park," Kramer explained.

"I think this is an enhancement of the prior ordinance that essentially gives credit for the whole lake."

The council remained divided over the value of their new ordinance.

"I believe the RUD will provide a development tool but this whole section on density credits is absolutely not in keeping with the spirit of development this city is working for," Mitzel said.

But Kramer said he didn't believe the new RUD would make a substantial difference in Novi's density, but would aid in preserving natural resources.

"I think there are some tools here that will give us the best of both worlds," he said.

## Issues in conference in state legislature

This is the month when the least hard news is coming out of Lansing but the biggest decisions are made. Conference committees are meeting.

Sometimes they are called "the third house of the Legislature." In civics, they teach you that every state legislature but Nebraska's has two chambers. To pass a law, both chambers must pass identical versions of a bill. Frequently, they pass different versions, especially, as now, when Republicans control the Senate and Democrats the House of Representatives.

Almost always, the chambers pass different versions of budget bills. There may be different numbers for the line items in those \$8 billion-plus worth of expenditures, such as whether Clinton Valley Center will continue to be a state mental hospital. There may be different versions of the so-called "bolter plate" - such as whether colleges may make labor contracts in which abortions are prohibited.

The two chambers take turns starting the major budget bills, such as K-12 school aid and higher education. This year it's the House's turn to start them. So when the Senate finishes work and makes changes, it sends the bill back to the House for "concurrency in amendments." In the House, a sea of red lights flashes on the vote board - the Senate version is rejected.

Conference committees are temporary committees created to work out any differences between House and Senate versions of a specific bill. Citizens Research Council in a new pamphlet called "A guide to the State of Michigan Budget Process."

"Conference committee work usually is limited to the differences between the two houses and any errors in the bill," CRC adds. That will be tough this year. If both chambers have passed (say) a

community college budget bill where abortion funding is prohibited, theoretically the conference committee isn't supposed to touch that item. But that line item could be knocked out anyway.

## A LITTLE HISTORY

Back in December 1994, the Novi City Council entered into a purchase agreement to buy 93 acres from Delta Trucking Company and the Edward C. Levy Company for \$1.67 million, or \$17,956 per acre. The city would not acquire the mineral rights to the land, which sits near an oil well. Originally, it was expected the deal over the Eleven Mile/Wixom Road property would close in three months. Two and a half years have since gone by.

## Novi school board explores other options for building site

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

The Novi school board directed the district administration to explore alternative locations for the new middle school that is still targeted to be built at the corner of Wixom Road and Eleven Mile Road.

But negotiations have taken longer than anticipated. Harvest Land is in the middle of an attempt to change the zoning on the property and the city is in the middle of analyzing that. The school is left out in the cold waiting for word on when the land can finally become theirs.

The school board is getting anxious now that they've approved millions of dollars in building and construction contracts during the last month in anticipation of a real groundbreaking.

There may be someone out there who has a piece of property they are willing to sell to us," he said. "Please contact us."

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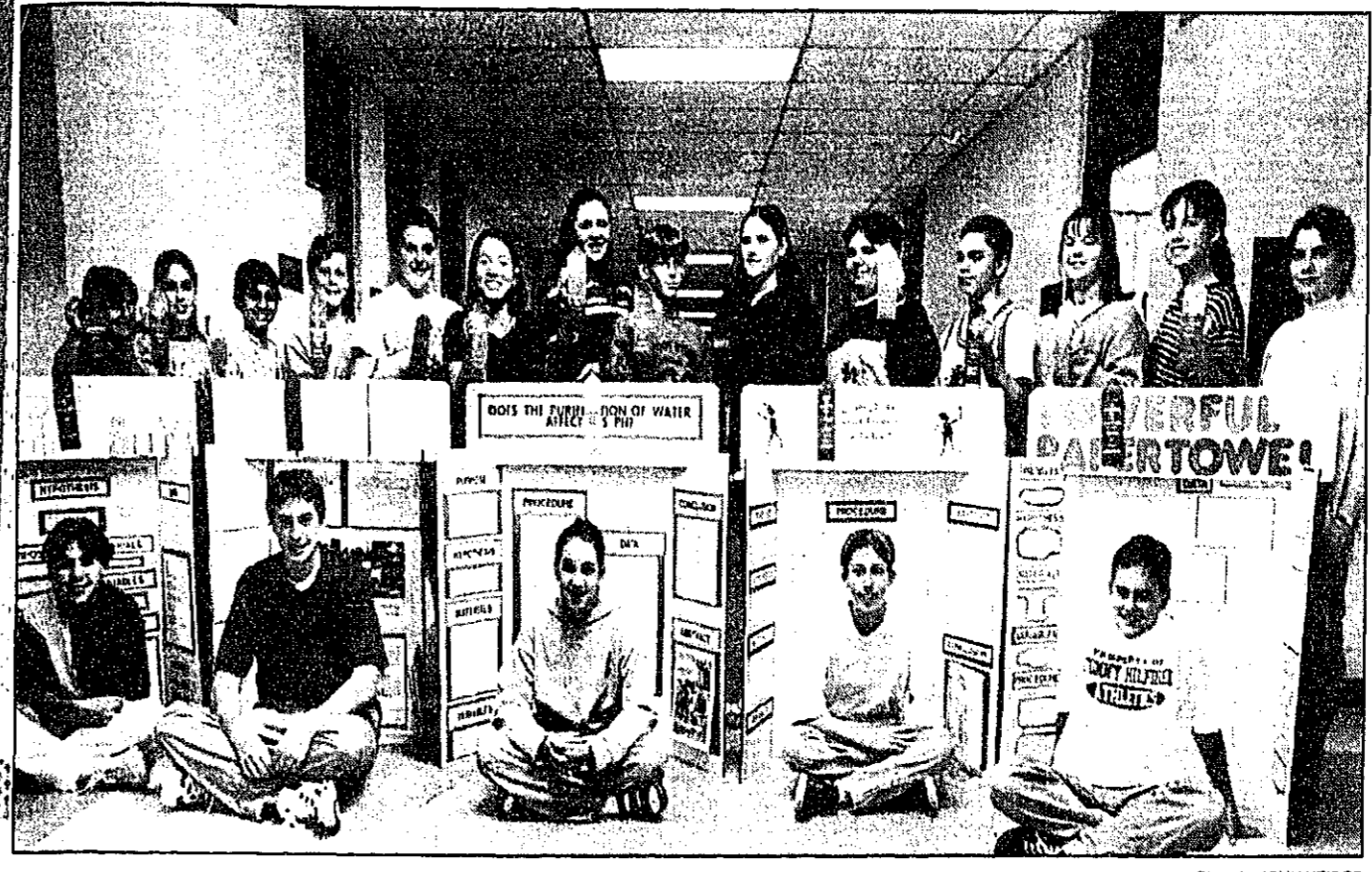
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## Science fair winners

The following Novi Middle School students were among those won awards in the Detroit Science Fair exposition. Front row, from left: Andrew Becker, Alex Granzow, Katherine Superflisky, Matt Harsha-Strong, Jordan Mobilo. Back row, left to right: Sara Rogers, Christy Vigna, Ali Zuberi, Sven Nyberg, Erin Robertson, Jiwon Lee, Jayci Sabowrin, Derek BuWalda, Kerry Morrison, Zeld Sheena, Chris Depa, Caprice Wagner, Ellen Cynar and Cathy Diponio.

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## Library Briefs

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

**Library closings**  
The Library will be closed on Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Normal hours will resume on Monday, July 7.

**Summer reading program**  
Be Eager About Reading! Sign-up for the BEARS Summer Reading Program begins Monday, June 23 and will continue through July 5.

**Book discussion**  
The Novi Library book discussion group will next meet on Monday, July 7, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the library.

**Summer Reading Program**  
Information is also available on the web at: <http://novi.lib.mi.us/>

Prepare to Be Enchanted on June 21st. Lladro figurines and gifts. Heslop's China & Gifts. Preview the Fall 1997 Lladro introductions, including the new Christmas collection.

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# Advertising now online

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 "AdVillage links the classified advertising sections of your local hometown newspapers with want ads from around the country, delivering both through Internet technology," said Philip Power, owner and chairman of Suburban Communications Corp. "AdVillage is an entirely new advertising service in Michigan that enables people to put their ads for cars, jobs and homes directly on the Web."  
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 The AdVillage site is a joint project of Hometown Newspapers, Hometown Online, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Observer & Eccentric On-line.  
 Hometown Newspapers include

The Novi News, The Northville Record, the South Lyon Herald, the Brighton Argus, the Livingston County Press and the Millford Times.  
 Currently, all classified ads placed in a Hometown or an Observer & Eccentric newspaper are automatically placed on the classified web site for Hometown Online and Observer & Eccentric On-line.  
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 AdVillage can be reached at [www.advillage.com](http://www.advillage.com) or by calling 1-800-579-SELL(7355).  
 AdVillage will be especially useful for classified customers in southeastern Michigan, said Rich

Perlbarg, vice-president and general manager of Hometown Newspapers.  
 The large, local database and easy-to-use search engine make for convenient and efficient shopping at AdVillage, he said.  
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 All classifications, including real estate, recruitment, merchandise and automotive can be found on AdVillage.

# Wings bring cup to Novi

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 against the Philadelphia Flyers on June 7, said that the Stanley Cup also belonged to the fans.  
 "They made us feel that way," he said.  
 "I was thrilled," said Buchler. "I thought it was a great thing for Novi."  
 But Barnett said some of the excitement has been tempered by the limousine accident over the weekend that put two of the Russian Red Wings and one of their trainers in the hospital.  
 "As exciting as it was obviously everything's been kind of clouded with what happened," explained Barnett.  
 "But we're going to continue to celebrate. We think about it all the time, so we're not going to try to get carried away in our moment of glory," he said.  
 According to Buchler, the bar will hold a minute of silence each Friday night for the injured players until they are recovered.  
 "I hope our fallen Red Wings get better," he said.

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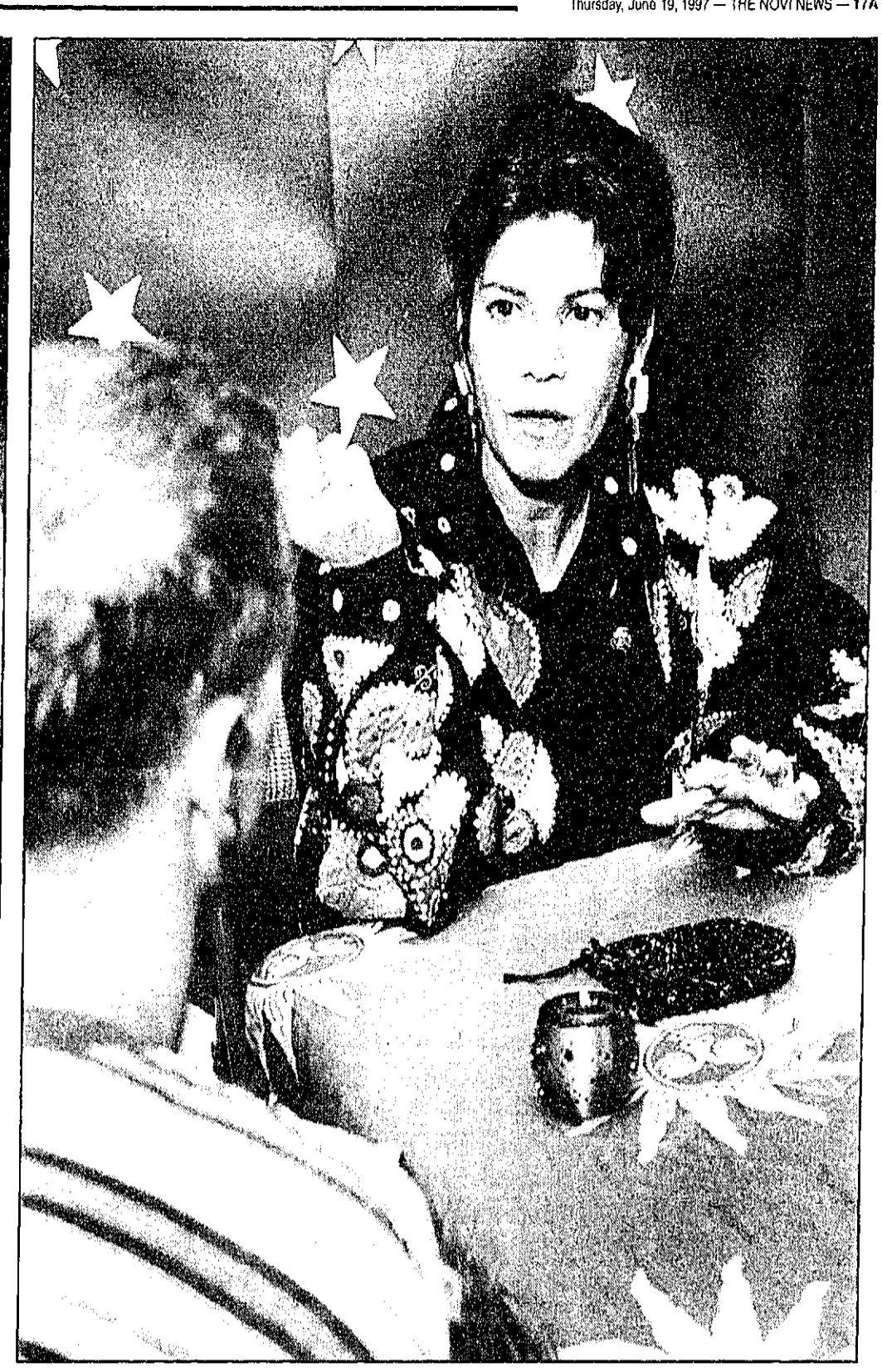
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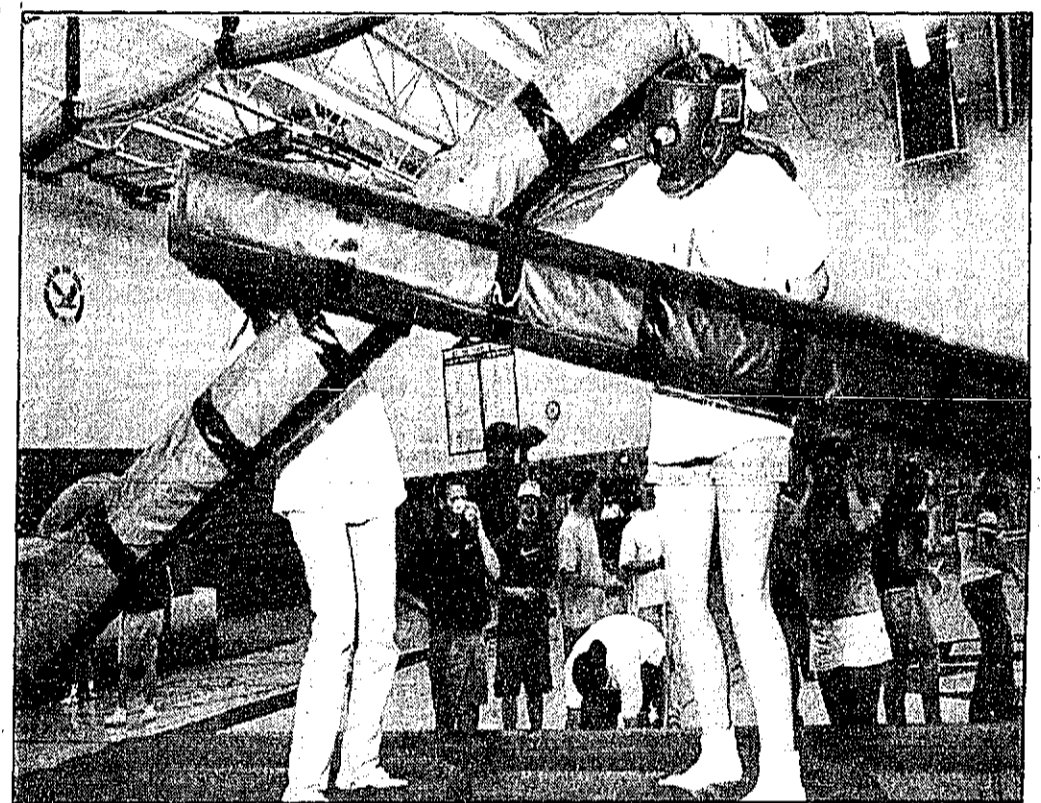
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### MONDAY, JUNE 23

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 10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor  
 11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today: You Made the Difference  
 11:30 a.m. — Wise Guys  
 12:00 p.m. — The Great Escape: Sailing  
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 1:30 p.m. — Fitness Motivators  
 2:00 p.m. — On Target: Common Sense  
 2:30 p.m. — Detroit Skates  
 3:00 p.m. — In the Studio with Bry  
 3:30 p.m. — Architectural Building, Form, Design and Facades  
 4:00 p.m. — (con't)  
 4:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 5:30 p.m. — Lawyers Roundtable  
 6:00 p.m. — Have You Heard: Novi Beautification Commission  
 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
 7:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
 7:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine  
 8:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Rick Inatome  
 8:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 9:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
 9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

### TUESDAY, JUNE 24

10:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations: Repent and Believe  
 10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile  
 11:00 a.m. — Law Talk: Rick Inatome  
 11:30 a.m. — (con't)  
 12:00 p.m. — Summit University  
 12:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 1:00 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ  
 1:30 p.m. — (con't)  
 2:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection  
 2:30 p.m. — Critter Connection  
 3:00 p.m. — Where Do We Go From Here? A Post Graduate Documentary  
 3:30 p.m. — Turning It Around: Good News, Good Views  
 4:30 p.m. — Have You Heard: Novi Beautification Commission  
 5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine  
 5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
 6:00 p.m. — We're Making Tomorrow  
 7:00 p.m. — Beginnings Ice Show  
 9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25

10:00 a.m. — Life Matters  
 10:30 a.m. — Excellence en Route  
 11:00 a.m. — Patterson and Company  
 11:30 a.m. — The Elegant Life: The Fashion Show  
 12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth and The Life  
 1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture

1:30 p.m. — AMVETS  
 2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now  
 2:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: You Made the Difference  
 3:00 p.m. — The Secret Place  
 3:30 p.m. — Groove Session  
 4:00 p.m. — Critter Connection  
 4:30 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine  
 5:00 p.m. — Dr. Success Presents: Natures Greatest Miracle  
 6:00 p.m. — MichUHean  
 6:30 p.m. — Back 2 Back  
 7:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 7:30 p.m. — Wise Guys  
 8:00 p.m. — Novi Street Beat Live  
 8:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 9:00 p.m. — The Light to the Nations: Repent and Believe  
 9:30 p.m. — Rock Soup

### THURSDAY, JUNE 26

10:00 a.m. — The Job Show  
 10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive  
 11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries  
 11:30 a.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
 12:00 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
 12:30 p.m. — Madonna Magazine  
 1:00 p.m. — Praise, Praise, Praise  
 1:30 p.m. — That's Italian  
 2:00 p.m. — Rock Soup  
 2:30 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 3:00 p.m. — The Light to the Nations: Repent and Believe  
 3:30 p.m. — Adventures with

Pirate Pete  
 4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Rick Inatome  
 5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions  
 6:00 p.m. — In the Kitchen with Bry  
 6:30 p.m. — Hickory Woods: Tom Sawyer  
 7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal  
 8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
 8:30 p.m. — Christian Singles Today: You Made the Difference  
 9:00 p.m. — Rock Soup: First Cousins of Funk

### FRIDAY, JUNE 27

10:00 a.m. — Law Talk  
 11:00 a.m. — The Light to the Nations  
 11:30 a.m. — Who, What, Where, Y  
 12:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
 12:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen  
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 1:30 p.m. — Groove Session  
 2:00 p.m. — Wise Guys  
 2:30 p.m. — Bagels and Talk with Tracy  
 3:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News  
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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.

### Chamber News

The Novi Chamber Board of Directors recently elected to join with 28 other chambers of commerce to form the Southeast Michigan Chamber Alliance. Participation in this group allows greater access to member benefit programs and increased legislative advocacy.

### Events

- The International Blues Festival will be held at the Novi Expo Center on July 18-20. The chamber is hosting the beer tent and is in need of volunteers. Call 349-3743 for more information.
- The Michigan '50s Festival, July 24-27, at the Novi Expo Center. The chamber will again host the beer tent and is in need of volunteers. Call 349-3743.
- Tenth Annual Tycoon Golf Outing, Aug. 12, at Tanglewood Golf Course.

## Education Notes

### A boost of bucks

The Novi High School Athletic Booster Club presented the Novi Board of Education with a check for \$7,961 last month. Booster Club President Gary Sobotta said it was the district's portion of the revenues from the sale of this year's season passes to high school athletic events. Sobotta said 241 family passes were sold this year.

### College anniversary

The year 1997 is a big one for Walsh College. Not only is the business school building new facilities on the Novi Campus this year, 1997 marks college's 75th Anniversary. Mervyn B. Walsh, CPA, founded the school in 1922, then called Walsh Institute of Accountancy.

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**DIVERSIONS:**  
Summer concerts offer a variety of entertainment-5B

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Northville's and Novi's newest Eagle Scouts - Wendell Bruce (Chip) Dayton Jr., Michael Grabowski and Andrew Brent (Monti) Bolin - have a combined Scouting experience of 28 years.

As Scouts, they advanced through the ranks at their own pace, setting goals and challenging themselves to go as far as their ambitions would take them.

Unlike other Scouting service projects, which require the Scout to be a follower, the Eagle service project requires the Scout to be a leader.

The service project for the Eagle

Rank requires that each of the Scouts plan, develop and give leadership to others in a real project that helps a religious group, school or community.

The three projects the Scouts chose were approved by the Scoutmaster, by the troop committee and by the council or district before the Scouts got started. Only the Eagle service projects must meet national Scout requirements.

Eagle Scout candidates also are required to earn a total of 21 merit badges, including camping, citizenship in the community, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in the world, communications, emergency preparedness, environmental science, first aid, lifesaving, personal fitness, personal management, safety, sports and swimming.

They must also hold a position of responsibility within the troop and have completed the requirements for both a star and a life rank.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Boy Scout Michael Grabowski stenciled a warning near 250 sewer drains in Northville to help prevent pollution.

## How Northville/Novi's newest Eagle Scouts have earned their wings



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

For his Eagle Scout Award, Boy Scout Andrew Bolin enhanced the biking and hiking trail in Novi's Lakeshore Park by spreading a quarter-mile-long trail of wood chips at the entrance, and building picnic tables and benches.

Stories by  
Carol Workens

### Andrew Brent Bolin

Andrew Brent Bolin would like to have joined the Cub Scouts sooner, but had to wait until the fourth grade. Also known as Monti, the son of Michael and Casey Monti of Novi crossed over to Boy Scouts in the fifth grade.

Monti was given a couple of suggestions by Jack Lewis at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department for Eagle Scout projects. He chose enhancing the cross country ski trail entrance at Lakeshore Park where he also built four benches and two picnic tables.

He recruited 14 scouts from Troops 407 and 54 to work three days and spent 120 hours on the project from beginning to end.

When Monti sums up what he has learned most from his Scouting experience, he said it has to be leadership skills. The most memorable experience that comes to mind first is wilderness camping.

He has enjoyed backpacking and hiking at Philmont High Adventure Base in New Mexico with Novi's Troop 54.

As a Scout, Monti is a member of the national Scout fraternity the Order of Arrow, has been a staff member for two years for the council-wide Top Knot Junior Leader Training program, is a Patrol Leader in Troop 407, and was appointed Senior Patrol Leader of Jamboree Troop 1116.

Monti, who will be a senior when he returns to Novi High School in the fall, plays saxophone and is a member of the school's marching and symphony bands. He is also on the swim team, as well as the track team on which he competes in the discus throw.

As a member of the Model United Nations, he has traveled to Hope College where he participates in a mock United Nations scenario representing a country. He is a member of a Bible study group called Fish, which meets at the high school, and the non-denominational youth group Young Life at Ward Presbyterian Church.

Because he is a member of the high school's student council, he was recently nominated for Congressional Youth Leadership Training in Washington D.C.

Monti also holds down a part-time job at Guernsey Farms Dairy.

With one more year of high school to go, Monti is looking at either the Naval Academy or a college in the Midwest to attend on an

ROTC scholarship. He is deciding between either architecture, CAD computer aided design, or the religion field.

### Wendell Bruce Dayton, Jr.

Known to his friends, family and fellow Scouts as Chip, Wendell Bruce Dayton Jr. is a member of Troop 54 in Novi.

For his Eagle Scout project, Chip chose to repair and repaint Novi Cemetery's wrought iron fence.

He rounded up 28 Scouts and parents to help out with the project, which included planting about 400 tulip and daffodil bulbs.

He scheduled his volunteers to work over a nine-day period where they stripped and painted the 500 feet of fence at the cemetery on Novi Road and Grand River.

"On this project I learned how to follow up on everything," Chip said. "I also learned patience."

A Scout since the second grade, Chip enjoys camping and has been to New Mexico and Pennsylvania as well as a lot of local places in lower and northern Michigan.

A new Novi High School graduate, Chip was on the school's wrestling team and was also involved with his church's youth group.

While in high school Chip also held down a couple of part-time jobs. During the fall he worked for Wayne State University mailing application packages to prospective students. He also worked at Farmer John's Greenhouse in Farmington Hills taking care of the plants and cleaning.

Chip plans on attending Michigan Technological University in the fall where he will study either mechanical or electrical engineering.

Chip, a life-long resident of Novi, is the son of Barb and Bruce Dayton.

### Michael Grabowski

Michael Grabowski recruited 10 fellow Boy Scouts, friends and family members in the fall of 1996 to help prevent pollution to the Rouge River.

Along with getting approved from Troop 755 Scoutmaster Joe Retzbach, the troop committee and the council before beginning the project, Michael had to get the OK of the Northville Department of Public Works (DPW).

The DPW put Michael in touch



Photo by ALAN WARD

Chip Dayton recruited volunteers to repaint the fence at the Novi Cemetery and plant about 400 bulbs for his Eagle Scout project.

with the Friends of the Rouge who supplied him with one of the stencil kits they provide to those interested in doing that type of project.

Over the course of three weekends, working Saturdays and Sundays, Michael and 10 volunteers took stencils and bright yellow and orange paint to 250 storm sewer openings in the City of Northville where he painted "Dump No Waste - Drains to Rouge River."

"I learned from the project that the drains go straight to the Rouge River," Michael said. "Before that I thought they went through a treatment facility."

The Friends of Rouge River included a video which explained

the clean-up project.

"I knew they had the one clean up day per year," Michael said. "I didn't know anything about this project."

A Scout since the second grade, Michael has enjoyed camping and he has served as a Patrol Leader. He has received the Den Chief Service Award, the Ad Altare Dei Award, and the B.S.A. Lifeguard Award.

Michael, who just completed his sophomore year at Northville High School, is the son of Ronald and Cecilia Grabowski of Northville and is a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church.











# Health

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## Elderly can avoid health problems through regular exercise program

As we age, a number of little - and sometimes large - physical discomforts can begin to intrude on the enjoyment of daily living. High blood pressure, digestive problems, osteoporosis, depression, memory loss, and reduced muscle strength and balance make life a little less pleasant and the everyday routine a little more difficult.

Fortunately, in recent years scientists have begun to discover that a regular, complete, exercise program can have remarkably positive effects on many of these conditions, once thought to be inevitable symptoms of the aging process.

Much information and many key recent studies affirming this are pointed out in the recent "HHS" (International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association) research on exercise report.

Hypertension or high blood pressure: As many as 50 million Americans, and 36 percent of senior citizens are estimated to have high blood pressure. A regular, moderate workout routine is one of the most effective ways - other than medication - for controlling this.

Researchers from the University of Florida and the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Gainesville, put a group of 60- to 79-year-old volunteers through a moderate exercise program. These groups showed significant decreases in blood pressure. Other studies confirm this, including one published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

**Osteoporosis, or "brittle bone disease."**

There is plenty of research on exercise and osteoporosis. In people over 45, osteoporosis contributes to 13 million bone fractures per year. Women are the most likely candidates - 20 million women have it, while approximately 5 million men are affected. It is estimated that one out of two women and one of eight men will have an osteoporosis related fracture in their lifetime.

Exercise with weights may be the simplest way to prevent, improve and help reverse the conditions associated with this disease. The *British Journal of Sports Medicine*, *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, *The Journal of Bone and Mineral Research* and others all

have documented studies confirming the positive effects of weight bearing exercise.

**Depression and the Elderly**  
The depressed elderly have a higher risk of suicide and approximately 30 percent are unable to utilize anti-depressants because of side effects. Researchers at Tufts University evaluated the effects of exercise with weights on depressed elders. The results were positive and suggested that weight training is an effective anti-depressant. The training also increases strength, boosts morale and quality of life.

The list goes on and on addressing the positive effects of exercise on osteoarthritis, sleep disorders, and chronic conditions. All in all, exercise is one of the best non-drug remedies for symptoms of aging, and it is never too late to utilize this valuable tool, under professional guidance.

This article was written by Chris Kleiba, the co-owner of the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville.

## Health Column

### Summer can bring 'annoying problems'

Summer brings many things besides vacation and water fun. It also brings some common, annoying problems.



**Raymond Hobbs**

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without squeezing the venom sac. Using your fingers to pull out the stinger frequently injects more venom.

The sting itself is usually mild and can be treated with first aid. However, sometimes the reaction can be severe and may need to be treated by a physician. There are rare cases of severe shock that occurs in individuals who are very sensitive. If you suspect that you may be allergic to bee stings, talk to your physician for further advice.

**POISON IVY:**

Several plants such as poison ivy produce a chemical that causes an allergic reaction and rash. The rash can be mild or severe depending on how much of the chemical is involved. It is spread by direct contact with the plant or with something that touched the plant. In addition, burning leaves can be dangerous because the chemical may be spread in the smoke and inhaled. The treatment varies from using creams and

lotions to using a short course of steroids by mouth. This is safe since it is only used for a short time and avoids the side effects caused by long-term use. The best therapy is prevention. Everyone should know what poison ivy looks like so that it can be avoided.

**SUNBURN:**

Although sunburn seems to be a minor problem that can be treated with many over-the-counter medicines as well as aspirin, it is significant for what it can do in the future. Sun exposure is the leading cause of premature aging of the skin as well as the leading cause of skin cancer. It is important to avoid burning and to use good sun blocks appropriate for your skin type.

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**"Supermarket Smarts - Label Reading"**

An educational support group for diabetics with day and evening sessions available on July 15. For more information, call Botsford Hospital at (248) 477-6100.

**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.

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**Stress Management**

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**Prostate Cancer Educational Support Group**

"Breath Therapy" will be offered June 16 at Botsford Hospital. The program offers knowledgeable speakers each month. This support group provides both encouragement and education about prostate cancer, its treatments and the physical and emotional issues associated with it. Meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. Free. Botsford General Hospital's 2 East A Conference Room, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

**Grow It Organically**

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**Babysitting: Not Just-for-Kids Stuff**

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**Women's Prime Time Discussion and Support Group**

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**Health education library**

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open to the public. The library has books, video tapes, computer databases, pamphlets and anatomical models available to the public which can be used to learn about illnesses.

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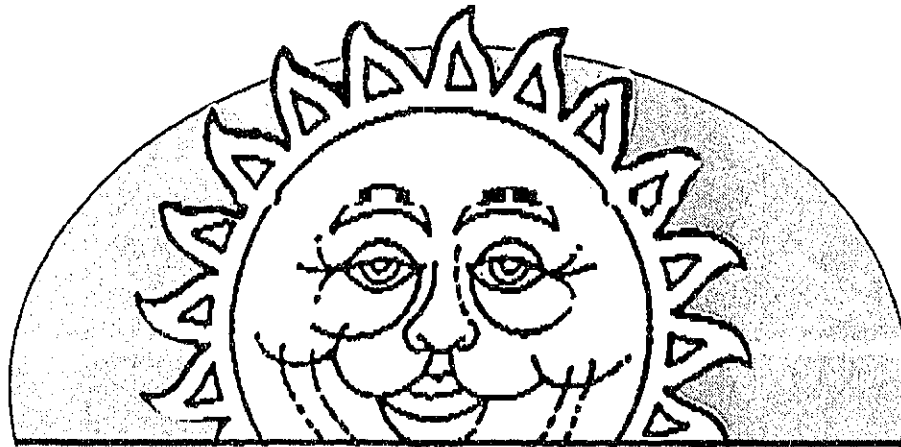
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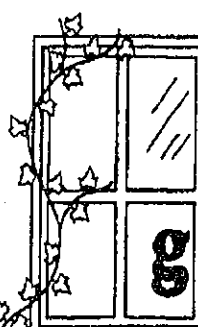


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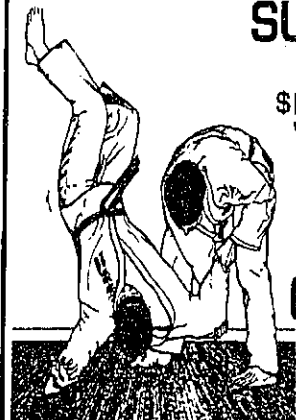
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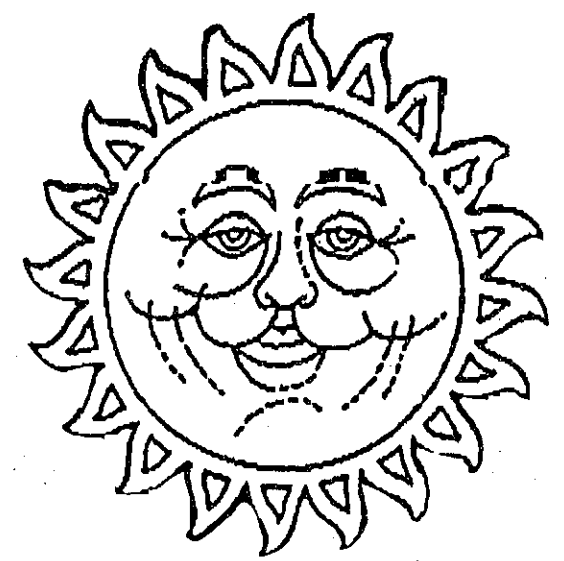
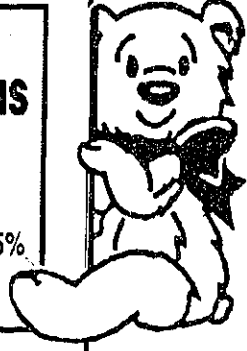
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