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Landfill site eyed for senior housing

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

Holtzman & Silverman Realty Company will donate the portion they own of the 1950s-vintage Munn landfill to Novi for a city senior citizen housing complex.

Monday, the Novi City Council agreed to accept the contribution from the Southfield-based firm of the state-listed Act 307 site, located on Meadowbrook Road.

Those of us who live there are aware there is a landfill in the area. There has been no potential health concerns and no health hazards," said City Council Member Kathy Mutch, who lives in Meadowbrook Glens subdivision, next to the site.

"Everything that has come back has been reassuring. I'd be the last person to live in the neighborhood never mind invite taxpayers to pay for senior housing if I had not found that reassuring."

The City of Novi conducted an extensive environmental investigation of the property before deciding to accept the gift. City Manager Ed Kriewall said. It has been on the state Act 307 list, which enumerates polluted locations.

For many years, it's been a local goal to build lower-rent housing for local seniors. Now, that could be accomplished within the next two years.

The just under 19-acre site is to the north of Holy Family Church and next-door to Meadowbrook Glens subdivision.

Kriewall and Mutch met earlier

"There has been no potential health concerns and no health hazards."

Kathy Mutch,
 Novi City Council Member

with representatives of the Meadowbrook Glens Homeowners Association and Holy Family to inform them of the donation.

"They were very excited with the possibility that they were going to have senior housing in the neighborhood in the near future," Kriewall said.

"We're happy to receive this gift at this time."

Kriewall said that while the city was searching for a place for senior housing, it was suggested that the Southfield firm be contacted.

"Holtzman & Silverman planned other projects but never pursued them," he added.

In the purchase agreement, the city acknowledges that the property was used as a landfill. In addition, the City of Novi agrees to hold Holtzman & Silverman harmless from any claims, liability or expenses arising out of any alleged contamination of water, air or land on or about the property resulting from the disposal of hazardous waste or other substance."

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Theresa Reed feeds the father of six baby swans, while her son, Daren, 3, stands ready to pass on more bread for the birds.

Summer thunderstorm sweeps through Novi, leaves little damage

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 and JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writers

Novi proved somewhat luckier than cities like Detroit, Plymouth and Hamtramck on July 2.

The massive storms and tornadoes which destroyed homes, left eight residents dead and burned down the 35th District Courthouse in Plymouth did far less damage in Novi.

"We were very lucky," said City Manager Ed Kriewall.

"We only had some wires down in scattered locations but other than power outages that's all we really had here. We were very fortunate."

Willowbrook and Village Oaks subdivisions were hit by power outages, a normal occurrence for the residents of those areas during heavy storms.

"We had 22 runs from 5:30 p.m. that night until 5:45 the next morning. Many runs were due to the power out," Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan.

Water pouring through the Grand River Avenue/Novi Road

area made it harder for emergency vehicles to respond to calls.

"The floods were the worst they've been in years," Lenaghan added.

More than 200,000 homes across southeastern Michigan were out of power on July 3. According to Detroit Edison, 3,900 customers in Novi were in the dark but power was restored fully by the weekend.

Areas in Novi without lights included the Ten Mile Road, Meadowbrook Road and Cherry Hill neighborhood.

Novi City Council Member Kathy Mutch said her home in Meadowbrook Glens subdivision was without power for over 12 hours.

"Fortunately the temperatures were cool. Keeping things refrigerated wasn't so bad," she added.

"For most of Novi, we're very fortunate that the storm was an inconvenience, not a hazard."

Flooding occurred, but was soon under control, according to Novi Public Service Director Tony

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Swan song

Death of bird outrages lake residents

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

The day before the Fourth of July, Susan and Roger Curtis were flying their flag half-mast.

With their wooded lot and deck right on the shores of Walled Lake, their Novi home looks like a Michigan paradise. But recently, they've felt more like it's paradise lost after witnessing the driver of a wave-runner allegedly chase, run down and kill a female swan on June 21.

"People were screaming on shore. There were people asking if she was dead," Susan Curtis said.

The mangled swan was part of a breeding pair area residents say have lived on Walled Lake for about 18 years and frequently camped out at the Curtises. Now, the swan's mate is left with the responsibility of raising this year's crop of young ones alone.

"I cried. I haven't cried in 30 years. Why did it happen?," Roger Curtis said.

"There's 650 acres of water and they have to be in here to harass them ... He's a widower trying to raise a brood of six."

For the Curtises and Walled Lake resident Theresa Reed, the destruction of lake wildlife, including ducks, by watercraft has taken away from their enjoyment of their homes.

"When that man murdered the swan, he took away everybody's right, the pleasure of knowing the birds," said Reed, who loves watching the Walled Lake swans swim in moonlight.

"We'd like to see him prosecuted. He stole something from us, from the lake."



The Curtises said they contacted the Marine Division of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Neither agency acknowledged by press-time that the incident is under investigation.

The Novi Police Department also arrived at

the scene, but the Curtises said the local department told them the lake is not in their jurisdiction.

Both the Curtises and Reed are members of the local chapter of Save Our Swans. The Curtises witnessed the June 21 event, which occurred when a rider on a wave-runner launched from the dock of a nearby condominium complex. Reed then helped bury the swan.

"He was going in and out of the dock at full speed," Roger Curtis said.

"He was intentionally driving around the swans in circles and he wouldn't leave the area. He circled her four times. The last trip, she flew out and they collided."

Curtis said that as the dead bird floated away, the wave-runner operator got off at the boat slip "like nothing had happened."

Tim Payne, wildlife biologist for the Department of Natural Resources district office in Livonia, said it is illegal to harass wildlife, even unendangered species such as the mute swan. Accidentally hitting a swan would not be harassment, he explained, but actually chasing after it on a wave runner would be.

Statewide, reports are not infrequent of jet skiers who say they're attacked by swans and swans that are killed deliberately or accidentally by operators of personal watercraft.

Payne disagreed with reports that swans are aggressive by nature.

"I really think it varies by individual. Some birds temperaments are aggressive, some birds temperaments are very docile," Payne

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More than milk spilled on I-96 freeway

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL & JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writers

Milk, fuel, concrete and automobile wreckage covered the eastbound lanes of I-96 at Novi Road, July 2, a result of a three tanker-truck, six automobile accident.

The accident caused major traffic headaches from about 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. when the mess was cleared from the roadway, according to the Novi Fire Department, which sent one engine to the scene.

Amazingly no one was injured despite collisions that spanned from one side of the freeway back to the other. All passengers denied treatment except the driver of the initial car who was treated by Community EMS on the scene and taken to Botsford.

"We were both shocked nobody was hurt more seriously than they were," said Trooper

Cliff Taylor, one of two Michigan State Police Troopers on the scene.

"Somebody out there was looking out for us."

Stephen Keller, 27, of Farmington was ticketed for careless driving which caused the chain reaction incident.

According to Taylor, Keller was in traffic eastbound that was slowing down to merge for Road Commission crews. Witnesses said Keller, in a 1979 Oldsmobile, wasn't paying attention and rear ended a car, setting off a domino affect which sent cars and semi-trucks back and forth across the median coming to rest on the both sides of the freeway and in the median.

"What we had was a chain reaction occurrence," Taylor said.

All six passenger cars carried a single pas-

senger except one vehicle with a woman and three children.

"One trailer was actually on its side in the ditch," Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said.

The end result was two semi-trucks sideways on the eastbound side spilling gasoline and large concrete blocks and a milk truck owned by PPS Industries out of Wixom spilling milk across the roadway.

An estimated 80 to 100 gallons of fuel leaked from the two trucks. The milk truck had to be emptied onto a second truck before it could be moved, which caused some of the delay in getting all lanes reopened.

The Fire Department contained the fuel leakage from soil from a nearby wetland. Taylor said the storm front that came through Wednesday occurred after the accident and had no bearing on the collision.

Community Calendar

Thursday, July 10

Parks meeting
The Novi Parks and Recreation Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Historical meeting
The Novi Historical Commission will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Sounds of Summer
The Sounds of Summer Concert series continues at the Novi Civic Center lawn at 7 p.m. Free. Bring a picnic and lawn chairs or blankets. Plus family and friends. Prizes and some refreshments will be offered. Concert moves indoors in the event of rain.
In concert will be the Fred Garter Band with Dileland sounds.

Friday, July 11

Council deadline
The last day to submit petitions for the Novi City Council race is today by 4 p.m. Acceptable is either a petition with 100 names or \$100.

Kids on stage
Novi Youth Theater presents "Raggedy Ann & Andy" at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Call 347-0040 for more information.
Tickets, which are \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children under 12, may be purchased in advance at a \$1 discount.

Saturday, July 12

Kids on stage
Novi Youth Theater presents "Raggedy Ann & Andy" at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Call 347-0040 for more information.
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Sunday, July 13

Kids on stage
Novi Youth Theater presents "Raggedy Ann & Andy" at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Call 347-0040 for more information.
Tickets, which are \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children under 12, may be purchased in advance at a \$1 discount.

Monday, July 14

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

Walled Lake schools
The Walled Lake Schools Board of Education will hold an organizational meeting for the 1997-1998 school year at 7:30 p.m.
The session is at the Educational Services Building, 850 Ladd Road, Building D, Walled Lake.

Wednesday, July 16

Planners
The Novi Planning Commission meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center.

Thursday, July 17

Sounds of Summer
The Sounds of Summer Concert series continues at the Novi Civic Center lawn at 7 p.m. Free. Bring a picnic and lawn chairs or blankets. Plus family and friends. Prizes and some refreshments will be offered. Concert moves indoors in the event of rain.

Enjoy the comedic folk duo Ray Kamaly and Joel Mabius.

Friday, July 18

Blues bash
The Novi, USA, Windsor, Canada International Blues Fest begins at 4 p.m. Featured musicians include Savoy Brown, Jay Gellis & Magic Dick and Roomful of Blues.
Catch it at the Novi Expo Center. Tickets are \$8 before 7 p.m., \$15 after. Three-day pass, \$25.

Saturday, July 19

Blues bash
The Novi, USA, Windsor, Canada International Blues Fest continues at the Novi Expo Center. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., bring the children for their kind of fun: Marcus, Bebo, Jumping Jacks, Spoons and Red Wing Darren McCarty. Free family passes for the Kid Fest available at Kroger.
From 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., the Motor City Blues Awards, featuring Father Guido Sarducci. Tickets \$5.
At 8 p.m., the night's line-up includes Junior Wells, Buckwheat Zydeco and Robert Bradley's Black Water Surprise. Tickets \$15.

Sunday, July 20

Blues bash
Doors open at the Novi Expo center at noon for the last day of the Novi, USA, Windsor, Canada International Blues Fest. Groups include Soul Blues, Twisted Tamarulas, City Limits, Johnnie Bassett and Alberta Adams.
At 9 p.m., Monster Mike Welch plays. Tickets are \$8 for the day.

School money case may net tidy sum for Novi

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

If the Michigan Supreme Court agrees with Denis Pollard, Novi Community Schools could see \$6 million from the Durant case.

Pollard, the attorney who won the 17-year suburban school funding case against the state, told the Michigan Supreme Court that Lansing should pay off \$1 billion bonds plus interest.

Not schools are part of a large lawsuit demanding a refund of dollars taken from schools' special education programs.
But administrators continually stay patient, not depending on any money coming to the school district any time soon.

The Bloomfield Hills attorney also blasted the Legislature for trying to use the suburbs' own money to pay off what it owes them for bilingual and driver education.

"The remedy... should be entry of a money judgment in favor of the named, affected school districts" and not individual taxpayers, Pollard said in a follow-up brief requested by the Supreme Court. He proposed a total of \$567 million.

The state and Pollard have another week to file rebuttal briefs before the justices decide the money question.

Black Headlee, the retired Farmington Hills insurance executive who led the drive for the constitutional amendment requiring the state to pay for all services it mandates, took the opposite view: "The money should go back in the form of tax relief. It should not

be a local government windfall," he said in an interview from his retirement home in Utah.

No, said Pollard. It would be impossible to track down all of them. Because as many as 32 percent of renters and 10 percent of homeowners move each year.

And those who moved into the 84 affected school districts, (say), this fall would get a break on their Dec. 1 tax bills even though they "will not have suffered, even indirectly, from the underfunding which is being remedied."

Such a remedy would violate the axiomatic tenet that the relief awarded should benefit the person wronged.

Moreover, said Pollard, the court lacks power to order a tax abatement (such as Headlee proposed)

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Here is how the proposal would affect local plaintiff school districts:
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Livonia — \$21 million.
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Northville — \$7 million.
Novi — \$6 million.
Huron Valley — \$10 million.
South Lyon — \$5 million.

because the constitution says, "The power of taxation is vested in the legislature."

Rather, the correct remedy for the state's underfunding of special education and other services is for the state to pay up, he said.

Pollard proposed the districts be paid principal of \$491.5 million plus interest for a total of \$567 million.

Sec. 29 of the Headlee amendment prohibits the state from requiring "a new activity or an increase in the level of any activity... beyond that required by existing law... unless a

state appropriation is made and disbursed to pay the unit of local government."

In 1989 Donald Durant of the Warren Fitzgerald

School District filed the original suit, seeking special education funds. His and 33 other cases were consolidated into one and became known as "the Durant case."
The Supreme Court decided last month in favor of the school districts.

Other school districts have filed claims but were not part of the class action lawsuit.

Anger slowed through in Pollard's brief as he attacked the Engler administration and lawmakers for trying to use the \$4 districts' own 1997 state aid to reimburse \$21 million for mandatory bilingual and driver's education under the suit.

The administration budget bill, IIR 4310, "contained an appropriation of \$21 million expressly to satisfy the state's obligation."

However, in the immediately following subsection of the bill... it is provided that there will be an "exactly equal reduction in the foundation payment" which any school district claiming a portion of the \$21 million will sustain.

In other words, it's as if a worker sued the boss and won, but the boss tried to deduct the payoff from the worker's own wages.

"A shell game," Pollard said. "The state continues in its stance of not complying with its wholly uncontested obligation to the local units."
Pollard went on: "There are many persons in state government who... will do as they please with the people's taxes. (They will) not come forward and meet their constitutional responsibilities until the last dog is hung."

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Teen and father arrested by cops

A 17-year-old boy and his father were arrested July 6 when police tracked the scent of a break-in suspect to the family's Guilford home.

Police News

Police arrived about 3 a.m. looking for the teen but were met with resistance from the father. Officers saw the suspect sitting in the living room but when eye contact was made the lights in the house went out.

The teen was also wanted by police for escaping from Children's Village juvenile center.

The 48-year-old father answered the door telling police to go home, the boy wasn't there and to check Detroit. Then he slammed the door on the officers and refused to answer.

Twenty minutes later, the stepmother of the boy opened the door and told police they could search the house.

The father attempted to block the way for police officers but the woman directed them to look in the attic. The boy was found trying to break and escape through the roof line. Officers were able to convince the teen to surrender.

The woman gave consent to search the house for information about the break-ins but found a

screwdriver under the bed and a crack cocaine pipe in his room.

The father was arrested for obstructing an officer.

BREAK IN
An 18-year-old Novi girl house-sitting for a Rushwood family said the outside door into the kitchen was broken and a \$50 bottle of bourbon stolen from the counter, the night of July 1.

CRAWLED IN
A 69-year-old Juniper Circle woman said she heard a strange sound in her garage June 30 and when she went to check sometime later she noticed someone had entered her garage and opened the door to her crawl space. No one was found.

WARNED OFF
Novi Police warned several homeowners and public heaters of the impending weather and tornado watch during a stop at Lakeshore Park, July 2. Police said

the residents were unaware of the storm at nearly 2 p.m.

FIREWORKS INTERRUPTED
Novi police confiscated 246 pieces of various fireworks, July 4, from a 25-year-old Nine Mile resident. Police received a complaint about the noise and arrived on the scene about 11:30 p.m. The owner said he bought them in Ohio and was unaware they were illegal.

FIREWORKS II
A York Mills resident was out 15 fireworks sets, 24 bottle rockets and two Roman Candles July 4. Police noticed the activity about 10 p.m., that night, and confiscated the materials from the 43-year-old homeowner.

BREAK IN II
Unknown suspects pried open the main entry door to a Novi Road home, July 1, stealing nothing but ransacking the place and causing \$200 damage to the door.

Police said the incident occurred with other cities, according to Det. Victor Lauria.

Lauria said a man and woman arrived at the East Lake Drive home that night and found the suspect had broken into the home by kicking in the door.

The man went chasing after the suspect, tackling him in the road. After a brief scuffle, the suspect broke free, ran to a car and drove away.

Fortunately, the woman remembered the license plate of the car.

Lauria said police spent the next day investigating and looking for the owner of the car and tracked it down Sunday night at his Commerce Township apartment.

Based on the evidence at the break-in scene and information at his apartment, police arrested and interviewed Roby, who confessed to the break-in.

On Monday while following up with other cities, the police determined he could be connected to cases in other areas. In another interview, Lauria said the man confessed to:

- a second break-in in Novi,
- two in Milford,
- two in Wixom,
- two in Commerce Township,
- and one in West Bloomfield.

Lauria said the man allegedly took jewelry and money from the homes and entered usually by kicking in the front door.

between 7:40 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. The couch and bed were flipped over and a stereo set pulled from the wall but left intact.

CYCLE STOLEN
A 1996 Honda motorcycle worth \$8,500 was stolen from the driveway of a Soloman resident's home, July 26. Police said the incident occurred sometime during the night.

TRUCK TAKEN
A 1992 blue Ford F-150 truck was taken from the Lord & Taylor parking lot of Twelve Oaks Mall July 2. Police said the incident occurred between 3:45 and 6:45 p.m. The truck belonged to a 21-year-old Farmington Hills man.

KICKED IN
Unknown suspects kicked in the door leading to the maintenance garage of the Novi Ridge Townhomes, June 20 to July 1, causing \$80 in damage.

Citizens with information about the above incidents are urged to call the Novi Police Department at 348-7100.

Novi Briefs

Ducks in a row
Tomorrow's the deadline day for turning in petitions if you want to run for mayor or Novi City Council in November. So far, most candidates have been pretty low profile.

However, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford was circulating his petition Monday night during a city council break.

The paperwork, to include 100 signatures per candidate or a \$100 check, is due Friday by 4 p.m. at the Novi City Clerk's office.

Jaycees Party
The Novi Jaycees are hosting a Las Vegas Party on Saturday, July 12, beginning at 7 p.m. The event to raise money for the general fund will be held in the lounge at Novi Bowl, located on Novi Road south of Nine Mile Road.

The Jaycees are a leadership training organization involved in a variety of community service projects. Members are ages 21 to 39 both married and single. For more information call (248) 348-6684. Cell tower action

This call got through
Teletech Novi, Sprint PCS won Novi City Council approval Monday to install its antenna on the Oakland County communications tower located in the municipal public works yard on DeWitt Drive.

Company representative Brian Grinne explained that the firm will offer a digital network providing clearer and more private phone conversations. Sprint will lease space from the county, which will give a cut of the revenues to Novi.

Based in Kansas City, Sprint PCS is a limited partnership consisting of Cox, Comcast, TCI Cable and Sprint.

Buckle up
Novi's police department will run a booth on the merits of using seat belts during the Michigan 50s Festival. Monday, the Novi City Council authorized the department to spend \$900 for officer over-time and \$1,100 for supplies for the safety program.

The 50s Festival is July 24-27.

22 karat
The City of Novi's 1997 calendar recently won the first place Gold Award from the Detroit Club of Printing House Craftsmen for its "superb craftsmanship," including overall design, layout and print production.

Novi's Public Information Director Lou Martin designed the calendar, which was printed by Dearborn Lithograph.

The awards are a statewide presentation.

Board of Education Officers
The Novi Board of Education elected new officers this month. Raymond Byers will remain as president, Julie Abrams is vice-president, Carol Ellring will be secretary and Ann Newton was elected treasurer.

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending July 6. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, JUNE 30
Stand by, Novi DPS, 8:35 a.m., Response 510.
Medical, 43235 Crescent, 10:08 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 41108 Vicenti, 11:12 a.m., Squad 1.
Gas leak, Grand River and Novi Road, 11:21 a.m., Squad 1.
Airing wires, 23621 W. LeBost, 2:35 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 26200 Wyoming, 3:10 p.m., Squad 4.
House fire, 39709 Village Wood, 4:37 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Medical, 42088 Liberte, 9:07 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, JULY 1
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook, 2:44 p.m., Squad 2.
Investigation, 23986 Elizabeth, 4:53 p.m., Engine 4.
Gas fire, 21559 Ingram, 6:43 p.m., Engine 3.
Service, 39584 Blakeston, 7:19 p.m., Squad 1.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2
Medical, 22502 Mansion, 2:16 a.m., Squad 3.
Service, 39584 Blakeston, 8:04 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 8:50 a.m., Squad 2.
Injury accident, Eight Mile and Haggerty, 8:57 a.m., Squad 3.
Injury accident, Beck and Grand River, 11:04 a.m., Squad 4.
Gas leak, 1375 East Lake, 11:24 a.m., Engine 2.
Fire alarm, 21111 Haggerty, 12:18 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
Injury accident, I-96 and Novi Road, 12:51 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 45182 West Road, 5:12 p.m., Squad 2.
Fire investigation, Grand River and Meadowbrook, 5:46 p.m., Engine 1.
Fire investigation, 43043 Nine Mile Road, 6:15 p.m., Engines 2, 4.
Airing wires, 39475 Ten Mile Road, 6:24 p.m., Engine 3.
Injury accident, I-96 and Rest Area, 6:39 p.m., Squad 1.
Wires down, 41944 Cherry Hill, 6:47 p.m., Engine 3.
Wires down, 44115 Grand River, 7 p.m., Engine 4.
Tree fire, 46585 Grand River, 7:05 p.m., Engine 2.
Transformer fire, Fountain Park East, 7:20 p.m., Response 507.
Fuel spill, Haggerty and I-96,

7:40 p.m., Tanker 1.
Tree fire, 41896 Cherry Hill, 7:53 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, I-96 and Post 163, 8:30 p.m., Squad 1.
Building fire, 25265 Trans X, 8:43 p.m., Response 507, Engine 4.
Medical, Grand River and Haggerty, 8:46 p.m., Squad 3.
Service, 41696 Magnolia, 9:34 p.m., Squad 2.
Transformer fire, 42320 Fountain Park, 10:11 p.m., Engine 1.

THURSDAY, JULY 3
Medical, 29811 Charlemagne, 5:26 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 48150 Grand River, 8:50 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 23527 Cranbrooke, 8:53 a.m., Squad 3.
Service, Ten Mile and Haggerty, 9:10 a.m., Squad 3.
Wire down, Roethel and Ashbury, 9:52 a.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 23995 Novi Road, 11:25 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 29753 Sheri, 5:53 p.m., Squad 2.
Service, Chase Farms, 6:49 p.m., Engine 3.
Medical, 39639 Nesrus, 7:03 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 44775 Dunbarton, 9:03 p.m., Engine 3.

FRIDAY, JULY 4
Fire alarm, 45825 Eleven Mile Road, 5:09 a.m., Engines 1, 4.
Medical, 39765 Grand River, 10:22 a.m., Squad 1.
Dumpster fire, 41455 Ten Mile Road, 8:49 p.m., Engine 3.

SATURDAY, JULY 5
Medical, 30030 Montmorency, 10:14 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 43635 West Oaks, 1:42 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 50395 Ten Mile, 3:43 p.m., Squad 3.
Trash fire, West Lake and Ludlow, 6:44 p.m., Engine 2.
Investigation, 39542 Blakeston, 7:54 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, JULY 6
Medical, 43455 Ten Mile, 4:40 a.m., Squad 3.
Vehicle fire, Beck and Twelve Mile Road, 7:33 p.m., Engine 4.
Medical, Novi Square and West Road, 9:36 p.m., Squad 2.

Arson suspected in mobile home fire

By JAN JEFFRES and WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Arson is definitely suspected at an early morning Tuesday fire in a vacant mobile home at Chateau Estates, used just recently by Novi gangs as a hangout.

"It was obvious. There were signs of forced entry in the door. We certainly have it down as incendiary by person or persons," Novi Fire Chief Art Lenaghan said.

"We do have to find out, but at this point it's not accidental." The fire department was called to the scene at 12:33 a.m. and the fire was quickly extinguished.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Department is conducting an arson investigation of the incident. Smoke and fire damage was in the \$5,000 to \$8,000 range.

On July 4, police found another set of gang graffiti next to the old messages that now appeared to be a challenge to the first group. The new graffiti appeared to be from a people's gang.

Youth Assistance receives grant from Target outlet

Northville Youth Assistance announced the award of a grant of \$2,500 from the Target stores. This is the fourth year that Target has generously donated to the program. The total amount donated has been \$7,000.

"Target donates 5 percent of their gross sales back to the community," said Herb Vander Ploeg, manager of the Livonia store.

He added that they were happy to help the youths of Northville by contributing to the NYA.

Residents help get area burglar

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Two East Lake Drive residents who walked in on a burglar Saturday night were the key to helping Novi Police nab a 37-year-old man suspected of numerous break-ins in the area.

Kenneth James Roby, of Commerce Township, was arraigned Tuesday in 52-1 District Court on one count of home invasion but has confessed to eight other break-

ins in other cities, according to Det. Victor Lauria.

Lauria said a man and woman arrived at the East Lake Drive home that night and found the suspect had broken into the home by kicking in the door.

The man went chasing after the suspect, tackling him in the road. After a brief scuffle, the suspect broke free, ran to a car and drove away.

Fortunately, the woman remembered the license plate of the car.

Lauria said police spent the next day investigating and looking for the owner of the car and tracked it down Sunday night at his Commerce Township apartment.

Based on the evidence at the break-in scene and information at his apartment, police arrested and interviewed Roby, who confessed to the break-in.

On Monday while following up with other cities, the police determined he could be connected to cases in other areas. In another interview, Lauria said the man confessed to:

- a second break-in in Novi,
- two in Milford,
- two in Wixom,
- two in Commerce Township,
- and one in West Bloomfield.

Lauria said the man allegedly took jewelry and money from the homes and entered usually by kicking in the front door.

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Police search for missing boy

Zero tips means no leads to child

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi police are looking for a three-year-old Novi boy taken from the area in June by his biological father, a Wolverine Lake resident.

It's been nearly a month since Bennett Wayne Sipes, 42, failed to return Denali to his mother on June 15 after a few days of visitation, according to Det. David Molloy.

Bennett Sipes, is described as five foot eleven and 150 pounds. He has shorter, brown curly hair and was last seen in a silver 1982 Delorean.

The Oakland County Prosecutors office issued a warrant for Sipes arrest on kidnapping and

parental interference charges. The police are awaiting a request from that office to the FBI for assistance.

Bennett Sipes was expected to appear in Circuit Court, June 19, for sentencing on criminal sexual conduct charges stemming from an incident involving an 11-year-old Novi girl in October of 1995.

When he failed to appear in court, the mother of the boy called police.

Molloy said police spoke with Sipes' business associates and relatives, who say they have no information of his whereabouts.

There have been no tips or leads since the information was sent out to various news media and police



Denali Sipes

last week, according to Molloy.

He said the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children was notified and will send out fliers.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Wet roads make for six-car accident

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Three people were injured in a six-car accident that occurred July 2, about 6:30 p.m. on I-96 near the Novi rest area.

Michigan State Police Trooper Angela Delvecchio said none of the injuries were life-threatening although all three people were taken by Community EMS and hospitalized.

Delvecchio said while the police have issued no tickets or citations

for the accident and are still investigating, the accident appears to have started when a Lexus driven by a 42-year-old Farmington Hills man lost control heading east-bound and crossed the median striking another car head on.

"It was then bumper cars from there," she said.

In total, six cars were damaged. Drivers were from Plinceton, Brighton, Wixom and Fenton.

Delvecchio said the accident was not caused by traffic from an ear-

lyer accident, but the roads were still wet from last week's major storm.

The Novi Fire Department also responded to the scene to help with clean-up. Response to the accident was delayed due to the traffic caused by previous accident just up the road, according to Fire Chief Art Lenvaghan.

The police used absorbent material to clean up the vehicle fluids on the roadway.

A thinking game

Kevin Shannon, 10, contemplates his next move during a game of checkers against Surabhi Rohatgi, 14, last week at the Novi Teen

Center. The center, located in the Novi High cafeteria, is open noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Bill would allow malls to have curfews

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

A bill allowing shopping malls to restrict youths under 16 is halfway through the Michigan Legislature amid signs that tougher sailing is ahead.

After bitter debate, the Senate on July 1 approved the bill 24-12. Sponsored by Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham, the bill exempts malls from the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act. It allows malls, under local ordinances, to exclude minors under 16 after 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, unless accompanied by a parent or person age 19 or older.

"I am concerned that here we have private action which will allow a private entity to amend very crucial civil rights legislation," said Sen. Gary Peters, R-Bloomfield Township. "There is absolutely nothing that prohibits that mall from acting if they have a trouble maker, to take appropriation action against that trouble maker."

Peters said Bouchard's bill allows "selective enforcement by removing children or youngsters who have not done anything wrong."

He said the provision allowing a 19-year-old to supervise means "you are not likely to deal with gangs in the mall. They (mall owners) would have much preferred to see a 21-year-old, if you are going to do it."

Peters had his name removed as a sponsor of the bill.

All 12 Senate votes against it were cast by Democrats. The bill goes to the Democrat-controlled House, which is unlikely to take it up before fall of the earliest.

Republicans Bill Bullard Jr. of Milford and Robert Geake of Northville both voted yes.

After a flurry of formal protests, Bouchard took the Senate floor to defend his work, arguing:

"It would take a local ordinance to permit malls to make such rules. 'Taking in every mall even malls that didn't have a problem or didn't want the solution. This allows it to be tailored specifically to everywhere there is a problem by the people who know if they have a problem — the people that own the property.'"

Rather than violating civil rights, the bill "respects the rights of the private property owners, the tenants and the people who pay huge amounts of rent."

The bill is similar to curfews imposed by the city of Detroit during fireworks displays.

Courts have upheld the constitutionality of similar laws in Virginia and Georgia.

"This bill strikes at the heart of the Elliott-Larsen protection," Sen. Alma Smith, D-Salem, said. "That law prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, race, gender and handicap. She said the Bouchard bill "targets for private police action" one protected group."

"This bill also gives a public police power to a private institution or a private entity," Smith said. She argued that Bouchard's comparison of the bill to Detroit's curfew was false because the action was by a government accountable to the voters.

Sen. Henry Stallings, D-Detroit, said two of his under-16 daughters "are here today and they are absolutely livid over this legislative fiasco suggesting that they cannot go to Somerset or their favorite malls and shop on a Friday or Saturday, which is the optimum time for them. Their first response is, 'Dad, why are you doing this?'"

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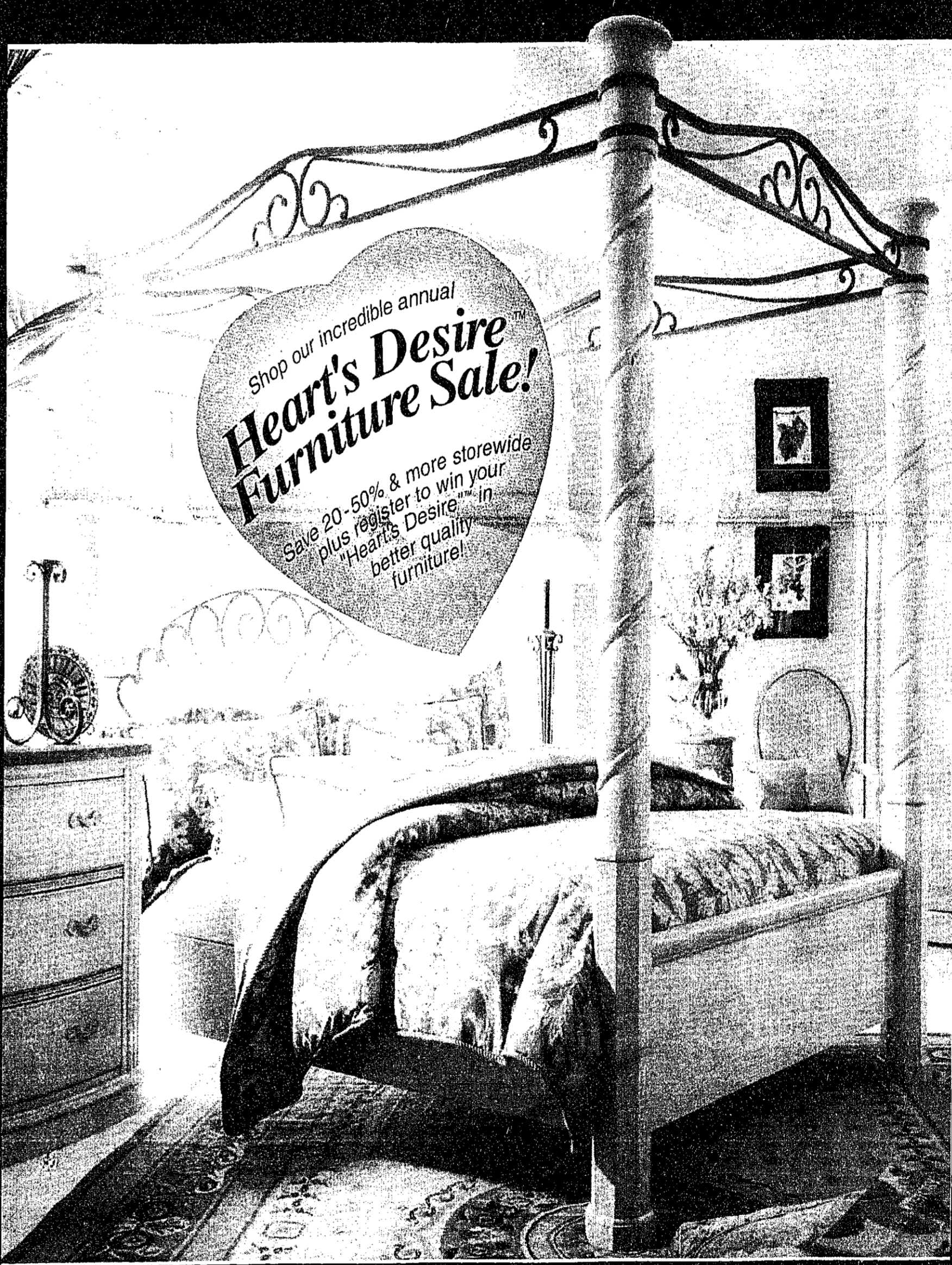
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Ale goes well City to brewery: this one's for you

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Not home brew. No bathtub gin. This Monday, the Novi City Council gave their blessing to a microbrewery license for Local Color Brewing Company, which is now under construction just east of Vir's World Class Market.

Part of the Main Street project, owner Peter Paisley has invested \$4 million in the microbrewery, his lawyer John Carlin told the city council.

"With a September opening date, the business will include a 250-seat restaurant where the suds can be consumed on site. The brewery also aims to sell its own brand for outside consumption."

"They will only sell their own beer. No wine, no spirits," Carlin said.

"They're trying to build a reputation for a good, quality product."

While local approval was needed, the final decision is with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

The 15,000 square foot, two-story business is the south end of the Main Street East building going up on Grand River Avenue.

Carlin said the only other microbreweries in the area are in Ann Arbor and Detroit. Equipment at the Novi brewery will have the capacity to churn out 20,000 barrels of beer.

Dining will be both indoors and outdoors.

Local Color's preliminary menu, in the \$5.95 to \$10.95 range, includes hamburgers, Greek, Cajun and Brewer's Special pizzas, and entrees such as Dungeness

Parade winners named

The votes are in and the winners of the 1997 Northville parade judging are:

Theme:
First place - Brickscape Gardens
Second place - Simkins & Simkins, PC
Third place - Clowns Round of Redford

Crowd Pleaser:
First place - Simkins & Simkins
Second place - Flying Aces Frisbee Team
Third place - Order of Alhambra-Manresa Caravan-Band

Sound:
First place - Moslem Shrine Brass Band
Second place (tie) - Northville High School Marching Band, and Moslem Temple Highlanders
Third place - Brickscape Gardens

Patriotic:
First place - Little Farmers Antique Tractor Club
Second place - American Power Wash
Third place - In Your Dreams

Energy:
First place - Simkins & Simkins, PC
Second place (tie) - Moslem Shrine Brass Band, and Little Farmers Antique Tractor Club
Third place - Center Stage Dance Co.

The bike parade winners are:
Grand Prize: Lauren Frampton, Northville, Spring Springs Elementary School.
Honorable Mention: Rachel Szarnowski, Northville
Lauren Vance, Novi
Billy Walker, Novi
Elliot Njus, Northville
Clay Factorek, Novi

Obituaries

ELLEN M. KLOCKE
Ellen Margaret Klocke, 79, died July 1, at her home in Northville. Mrs. Klocke was born Jan. 27, 1918, in Pontiac to John and Mary Helen (Olmstead) Tinson.

Mrs. Klocke was a homemaker and lifelong member of the community. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church of Northville.

She is survived by sons, John Carl of Yale and Wesley Irvin of Westland; daughters, Mary Adam of Livonia and Joann Marie White of Northville; sister, Helen Sadler of Glenview, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Mrs. Klocke was preceded in death by her husband, Wesley J., in May 1990.

Services were held on Thursday, July 3, at Casteline Funeral Home Inc. with Father Ernest Porcari, Lynch & Sons, Milford.

Memorials to St. Jude's Christian School or Mass offerings to the church would be appreciated.

ANNA CAIRO
Anna (Alfons) Cairo, 80, of Highland died July 3, 1997, in Commerce Township with family members in attendance. She was born July 16, 1916, in Gola, Italy.

As a young girl of 10, Mrs. Cairo arrived at Ellis Island, N.Y. She was married to her late husband, Henry, for over 60 years and was a Charter member of Church of the Holy Spirit. Mrs. Cairo was a resident of Highland for 19 years and for 13 years, was an employee at Sears. According to the family, she loved her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and always had a smile and a sense of humor. Family members say she died of a broken heart because of the loss of her husband.

She is survived by daughters, Gilda (Charles) Wilkerson of New Mexico, Marlene (Barney) Smith of Highland, Janet Balogh and Linda (Dennis) Skvarce, both of Novi; sisters, Lucy Turrin and Irma Rea.

Services were held June 25, at Holy Family Church. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

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

Memorials to St. Patrick Seniors Center, 58 Parsons Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 would be appreciated.

Amoco slashes price of corner

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

While the purchase agreement hasn't been signed, Novi has managed a \$150,000 price reduction on the former Amoco site in the town center area.

Since 1991, the city has held the first right of refusal on the 0.37 acre, northeast corner of Grand River and Novi Road, once it meets state standards for an environmental cleanup. The price was originally set at \$250,000, but Monday night, the Novi City Council agreed to the discounted rate of \$100,000.

"There's other commercial interest in this property. It is a very good investment for the city," City Manager Ed Kriewall said.

Novi has the right to exercise the option one year after the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality issues a letter stating that the purging of the property, ongoing for several years, is complete.

Kriewall said pollution issues remain unresolved. The land once held leaking underground storage tanks.

"There are lingering environmental issues. We're at least in a position to move ahead and acquire the property..."

Ed Kriewall
City Manager

Since the gas station has been razed, the corner has not had a reputation for attractiveness. The city has been moving the still privately-owned land.

"It's very difficult to get Amoco to visit the site and cut the grass. We get a lot of complaints from businesses in the area if we don't mow the grass," the city manager said.

Six years ago, Novi and Amoco entered into a contract with several provisions, among them that the Grand River gas station, long con-

sidered an eyesore by city planners, would be torn down.

"Who knows what's going to happen down the road," Council Member Richard Clark said.

"Until the DEQ gives a green light on that property, we're not going to spend a nickel."

Kriewall said earlier this year that the site might be a good place for a fountain.

"This land is going to be a showcase for the City of Novi, a park in the middle of town that will benefit citizens for years to come," Council Member Don Schmidt said.

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions for Mayor and Council are available at the office of the City Clerk. The deadline for filing petitions is 4:00 p.m. Friday, July 11, 1997.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the City Clerk's Office at 347-0455.

TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW, CITY CLERK

(6-26 & 7-31/97 NR, NN 26106)

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 97-031

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that K.B.D. Advertising is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to erect a tent in the Novi Hilton parking lot on July 17 through 21, 1997 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, to host "Drive for the Cure" a charity event for cancer. The Novi Hilton is located at 21111 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period 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 PM on Wednesday, July 16, 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 July 16, 1997. (7-10-97 NR, NN 27006)

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Planners set up seminar series

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The Novi Planning Commission is gearing up for a series of free seminars for the commissioners, city employees, business owners and residents this year.

The seminars will focus on planning and development issues pertaining to residential, commercial and industrial development.

The sessions could include one of more of the following subjects:

- The Oakland County Bar Association has agreed to present information sessions on cellular tower laws, real estate issues and environmental issues.
- The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is expected to talk about building in a flood hazard, lakes and streams issues and water quality management.
- The Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner offered to discuss options to speak to the commission and public. Although not always a packed room, the commissioners said they learned a lot and several business owners and a few residents did attend.
- "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again," she added.
- The planning department for the City of Novi is in the process of scheduling the events and will have dates, times and topics in the near future. For more information call 347-0475.

Amoco agreed to trade what was estimated to be \$500,000 worth of road right-of-way along Twelve Mile Road and Novi. In exchange for city permission to build two gas stations along Twelve Mile, one at Novi Road and the other at Haggerty Road. While not in the contract, the deal hinged on rezoning and site plan approval from the city.

Another part of the pact was that Amoco would clean up the Grand River property, as was already required by the state Department of Natural Resources. That was estimated to be a \$250,000 job, the same amount the city said it would pay for the land.

The former Amoco was listed by the state as a contaminated site, due to leaking underground storage tanks. An environmental cleanup has proceeded for several years.

Planing Commissioner Michelle Bononi organized the seminars after the commission found out its \$24,000 communications budget was cut by \$14,000 by the City Council in May.

"That seminar money had a great deal of potential...of informing the community," said Bononi.

The commission sponsored several seminars last year, paying for developers, builders and consultants to speak to the commission.



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 10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room Floor
 11:00 a.m. - Christian Singles Today Testimony
 11:30 a.m. - Wise Guys
 12:00 p.m. - Dr. Success Presents: Nature's Greatest Miracle
 12:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
 1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
 1:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies: Kevin Bernwald
 2:00 p.m. - Window to Washington
 2:30 p.m. - Headwaters: The Life-line of a River
 3:00 p.m. - The Great Escape: Sailing
 3:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
 4:00 p.m. - The Elegant Life: The Fashion Show
 4:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
 5:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
 5:30 p.m. - Lawyers Roundtable
 6:00 p.m. - School of Ministry and Mission
 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: Professor Richard Seid - (cont'd)
 8:30 p.m. - Lansing Connection
 9:00 p.m. - Groove Session

TUESDAY, JULY 15
 10:00 a.m. - The Light to the

Nations: The Truth Will Set You Free
 10:30 a.m. - Speas Profile
 11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Professor Richard Seid - Child Abuse
 11:30 a.m. - (cont'd)
 12:00 p.m. - Summit University
 12:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
 1:00 p.m. - Drawing Men to Christ
 1:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
 2:00 p.m. - Lansing Connection
 2:30 p.m. - Critter Connection
 3:00 p.m. - Battle of the Books
 3:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
 4:00 p.m. - Creature Feature
 4:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
 5:00 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine
 5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
 6:00 p.m. - Motorsports: The New IRL Engines
 6:30 p.m. - Show Me Show with Tatiana
 7:00 p.m. - In the Studio with Bry
 7:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
 8:00 p.m. - Turning It Around: Good News, Good Views
 8:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
 9:00 p.m. - Let's Talk with Ben Marks
 9:30 p.m. - (cont'd)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16
 10:00 a.m. - Life Matters
 10:30 a.m. - Excellence en Route
 11:00 a.m. - Patterson and Company
 11:30 a.m. - Special Olympics
 12:00 p.m. - School of Ministry and Mission
 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
 3:00 p.m. - Detroit Skates
 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. - In the Kitchen with Bry
 5:30 p.m. - Just for the Health of It: What's Chiropractic?
 6:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators
 6:30 p.m. - Options for Living a Balanced Life: Older Adult Issues
 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
 9:30 p.m. - Rock Soup
THURSDAY, JULY 17
 10:00 a.m. - The Job Show
 10:30 a.m. - The Happiest People Alive
 11:00 a.m. - Abundant Life: A-able 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: The Truth Will Set You Free
 3:30 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
 4:00 p.m. - Law Talk: Professor Richard Seid - Child Abuse
 4:30 p.m. - (cont'd)

5:00 p.m. - Shaarey Zedek Productions
 5:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
 6:00 p.m. - On Target: Gun Control
 6:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
 7:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies: Kevin Bernwald
 7:30 p.m. - Farmington Hills Police Journal
 8:00 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
 8:30 p.m. - Christian Singles Today
 9:00 p.m. - Dr. Success Presents: Nature's Greatest Miracle
 9:30 p.m. - (cont'd)
FRIDAY, JULY 18
 10:00 a.m. - Law Talk
 10:30 a.m. - (cont'd)
 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
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 2:00 p.m. - Wise Guys
 2:30 p.m. - Bagels and Talk with Tracy
 3:00 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine
 3:30 p.m. - Lansing Connection
 4:00-9:30 p.m. - Viewer Request Day, call Time Warner Cable, (248) 553-7303, extensions 251, 252, 253, 254.

Education Notes

Medical Assistance

Students will have the opportunity to learn about one of the nation's fastest growing career fields when the Oakland Community College Medical Assisting Program hosts a free information night Tuesday, July 15. The session begins at 6 p.m. in Room 207 of Highland Hall on the college's Highland Lakes campus in Waterford.

OCC offers students a two-year associate degree in medical assisting or a one-year certificate program. Students may also choose from several specialty options such as clinical medical assistant, medical office manager, EKG, and phlebotomy (the specialty of drawing blood). After completion, students may take the national American Association of Medical Assistants certification exam.

Classes are held days and evenings at the Highland Lakes campus, located at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford. For details on the free information night or the medical assisting programs, contact program coordinator Karen at (248) 360-3094.

Self Defense

A Women's Self Defense Workshop will be held on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College on Saturday, Aug. 2, in J Building-Room 409, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The workshop, sponsored by the OCC Womencenter, is open to the public at a cost of \$40. Preregistration is encouraged.

Self defense training is designed to increase self confidence, provide strategies to prevent attacks, and demonstrate effective light and escape techniques in cases of assault. Self defense expert Jaye Spiro will conduct the session. She holds a fourth degree black belt in karate and a second degree black belt.

Women of all ages, sizes, and fitness levels are encouraged to attend. Mothers and daughters (15 years of age and over) and young women preparing to leave for college are welcome. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a bag lunch.

The OCC Womencenter is a college facility providing educational and supportive resources for area women.

To register for this workshop or for information on this program and other Womencenter offerings, call (248) 471-7602.

Orchard Ridge campus is located on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

MUTE SWAN FACTS

- Originally a native to Europe, in the U.S. the mute swan is found wild in Michigan and the northeastern coastal states.
 - In the mid-1800s, the mute swan was apparently first brought to America to ornament the estates of the wealthy on New York's Long Island and in the lower Hudson River Valley.
 - The bird is one of seven species of swans found worldwide. Trumpeter swans are native to Michigan.
 - Mute swans are distinguished by their orange bills, that become black nearer the head and the black knob on their heads.
 - The female mute swan is called a pen, the male is a cobb and the babies are cygnets. The adults, especially the male, are very protective of their young.
 - They do not breed until they are about three years old. Then, they begin nest building between March and May.
 - Typically, the three to seven eggs hatch in June.
 - Cygnets are first downy and grey-colored, then grow brown feathers, which turn white over the next year.
 - Swans molt in July and August and become flightless.
 - The wingspan is eight to nine feet.
 - They can fly as fast as 55 miles per hour.
 - Mute swans got their name because they are mostly silent but do hiss, purr and make puppy-like barking sounds. They also make a humming noise with their wings.
 - Mute swans have a lifespan that can be as long as 30 to 40 years, although some have lived as long as 70.
- Sources: 79th Street Boat Basin Flora and Fauna Society of New York City, The U.S. Department of Interior and the Northwest Swan Study of Great Britain.

Residents are voice for mute swans

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said. "The same swan a person can hand feed might be aggressive with a jet ski."

But the Curtises and Reed question if it protective behavior can be considered aggressive or just instinctive when an animal is guarding its young.

"It's our nature to protect our young, animal or human," Reed said.

"This couple (of swans) has been abused for years."

Over six years ago, Commerce Township resident Shirley Green started Save Our Swans after a similar incident on Lower Straits Lake. Homeowners there have posted signs warning jet skiers and wave runners away from swan nesting areas, which has helped, she said.

Members of the group rescue injured swans, which are then nursed by wildlife rehabilitators. They also document harassment incidents on video.

"It's not just the young kids, it's the older people. A sergeant of the (Oakland County Sheriff's) Marine

Division told me that when they get on jet skis, their I.Q.s go down 50 percent," Green said.

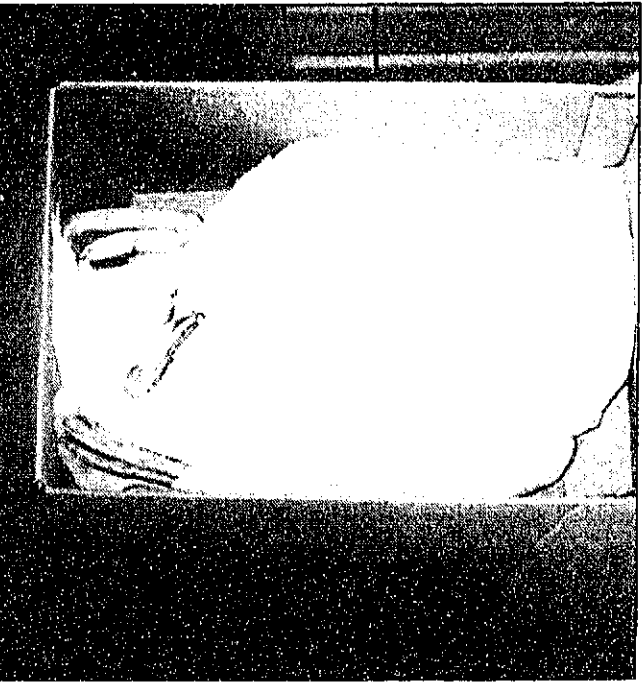
"They don't watch where they're going. They probably just think we're crazy environmentalists."

In Nov., several years ago, the male swan who just lost his partner was shot with a pellet gun. After several weeks of treatment, he was returned to the water and found its mate again.

Last weekend, lakes area resident Kopy Lucas said she witnessed another incident of a jet skier allegedly harassing a swan.

"They chased it until it flew off the water to the other side. I think it's awful. I think the jet skiers should be off the lake," Lucas said.

"They drink and go on jet skiing



Residents pulled the mother swan from the water to bury her.

and they don't know what they're doing."

Reed and the Curtises say they'd like to see legislation requiring stricter controls on the use of personal water vehicles, such as the wave runner, which allows the passenger to sit and the jet ski, which requires the passenger to stand.

Reed said she no longer feels it is safe to let her children swim in Walled Lake with their inner tubes, due to reckless driving on the water.

"The problem is not swans or wildlife, it's people," Susan Curtis said.

"I just don't understand it. I really don't."

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DON'T FEED THE ANIMALS

Please don't feed the swans, geese and ducks. That's the word from Tim Payne, district wildlife biologist for the Department of Natural Resources.

Payne said the water birds get sufficient nourishment from water plants and don't need the addition of corn or bread to their diets. "The more birds are conditioned to people, the more we get into conflicts," Payne said.

However, the DNR does not discourage putting out bird feeders for non-water species.

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HEALTH NOTE

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

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Elderly people who experience pain and ambulatory limitations imposed by osteoarthritis should not automatically assume that they will require knee surgery. Instead, they should look to moderate exercise and strength training for improvement. A report by researchers at Wake Forest University's Bowman Gray School of Medicine noted "consistent improvements in self-reported pain and disability and better function" among men and women over the age of sixty who participated in a moderate aerobic or resistance program, as compared with those who only took health-education classes. A University of Washington study noted similar results by older osteoarthritic adults who began an exercise regimen. With all the benefits of keeping fit, you can't afford not to begin an exercise program. No time is better than now. If you need help beginning an exercise regimen, contact Northville Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation, Inc. Our staff of experienced, and highly motivated professionals specialize in back and neck rehabilitation, pain management, and orthopedic and sports-related injuries. To schedule a consultation for physical therapy, call 349-3816, or see us at 215 E. Main St., Suite B (across from our previous location).

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As We See It

Make it perfectly clear that landfill site is safe

Here's our working premise. The Novi City Council is far too smart to take any wooden nickels.

By wooden nickels, in this case we mean that portion of the former Munn landfill now undeveloped and owned by the Holtzman & Silverman Realty Company of Southfield. Housing for Novi's seniors could be up and running on the site within the next two years.



Government

The 18 acres are along Meadowbrook Road, just north of Holy Family Church and immediately to the east of Meadowbrook Glen subdivision. It's been widely known for a long time that some 40 years ago this area was part of the old Munn landfill. Built to 1950s standards, the landfill has occasionally belched out some contaminated water onto city streets.

In fact, the landowner across the street sued both the city and Holtzman & Silverman over that very issue.

Luckily, residents and businesses in the area are on city water, not wells.

Monday night, the Novi City Council after brief discussion agreed to take the land from Holtzman & Silverman as a gift. And on this gift will be the lower-rent housing for seniors the city has promised older residents for many years.

Council Member Kathy Mutch, who lives in Meadowbrook Glens, said that city research has shown that there are no public health hazards at the site. City Manager Ed Kriewall said that extensive environmental research has been done on the site.

Besides studies done by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency, the city has also commissioned its own investigation of the land.

However, the property has been on the state's Act 307 list of contaminated sites.

Getting free land certainly makes a municipal senior housing project more affordable.

Because it involved property acquisition, the council has been able to discuss the issue in closed, executive sessions.

In the legal paperwork that goes with the donation, the city acknowledges that the land was used as a landfill. Novi also agrees to hold Holtzman & Silverman harmless for any "alleged" pollution, while the firm guarantees to protect Novi from any liability for the condition of the land prior to the city's take-over.

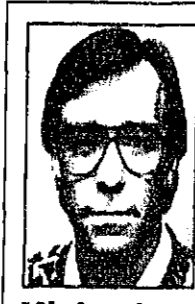
What needs to be done now is to hold an informational session during the next city council meeting, to fully clue in the public on the environmental work. This is not to criticize the council, but to alert them to the need for serious P.R. work here.

Perception is crucial. Because the site's history is widely known, city officials need to formally offer through the medium of a televised council session all of the data, all the research that made the council feel confident about accepting the land.

Reassuring details will make the public comfortable with the plan. Many of Novi's seniors have been waiting eagerly for the project. The council must go out of its way to make certain the seniors do not feel that their home is being bumped onto a landfill site.

Don't just tell them it's safe. Give them the hard facts.

Bill to ban youths from malls



Michael Malott

Take note parents, a proposed new law is making its way through the state legislature to allow malls to ban youngsters after 6 o'clock on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Specifically, the bill - proposed by Sen. Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham - would exempt malls from Michigan's Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to allow them, through local ordinances, to exclude minors under the age of 16 after 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays unless accompanied by a parent or a person over age 19. The bill was approved in the Senate 24-12. Senator Bill Bullard, R-Milford, voted yes. The proposal now heads to the House.

It's pretty short-sighted legislation if you ask me. Do you know any teenager who shops early for gifts? If this bill passes, adults across the state - including lawmakers themselves - are going to have some pretty sad Father's Days and Mother's Days, and birthdays and Christmases.

Seriously though, the bill is short-sighted. Take a town like Novi for instance. We would hope the local shopping centers would think better of enacting such a curfew on youthful shoppers even if they were allowed to by the state legislature. But let's assume for a moment that they did.

Where could youngsters in this town get to see a movie? I think back to my younger days and taking in a flick on a Friday or Saturday night was pretty big deal for me. For the 16-and-under crowd, movies can be a good time out with pals or a hot date.

In my youth, a trip to A&W for root beer was a pretty big deal. These days in Novi, you have to go to the mall to get it. I don't know if A&W remains as popular with youngsters as it was in back then, but certainly fast food of almost any kind is. And you still have to go to a mall to get it... well, not completely perhaps but your choices are severely limited if malls are taken off the list.

Now I grant you, there are surely some malls that are having a problem with crowds of teenagers. The instances I've seen (not in Novi) are usually the result of youths congregating around an arcade, or some equally popular youth-oriented business. It seems to me the best choice for those malls would be to either increase their own security or to relocate that arcade. Instead, lawmakers want to fix the problem by changing the civil rights law for all the rest of us.

Here in Novi, not an atypical suburban community, we've built a town with relatively few places for youngsters to go to have a good time and meet friends. Meanwhile, efforts to build a youth center, which would provide them with an alternative, remain stalled and delayed.

Then of course we really get upset when we hear about youngsters getting together in a field or parking lot to throw a party.

And we wonder why teenagers get so rebellious.

Michael Malott is the Managing Editor of The Novi News and The Northville Record. He can be reached by phone at (248) 349-1700 or by e-mail at novinews@tntonline.com.

Chamber removed state capital



Tim Richard

The seat of government shall be at Lansing.

So says Art. III, sec. 1 of the Michigan Constitution, as approved by voters.

Lansing was picked in 1847 because it is more centrally located than Detroit, the previous capital.

Tell that to the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce. With its clout, the Detroit chamber was able to relocate the seat of government to a rocky island in northern Lake Huron from May 29 to June 1. The assemblage is called "the Mackinac Conference." The chamber has been doing it for 17 years. In the words of one of my media brothers, "it gets the movers and shakers away from ringing phones for a frank discussion of the future of southeastern Michigan."

Bill McMaster protests. McMaster, 58, of Birmingham, is the president of Taxpayers United and spends more time battling tax and public access issues than he does on his marketing and public relations business.

McMaster is a red-faced gadfly who constantly denounces public officials with the bellicosity of an archangel, which ranks him above appellate courts, popes, saints and angels. For this reason, a lot of people dislike him. For this reason, he and I are buddies.

McMaster filed a complaint with Attorney General Frank J. Kelley about the Mackinac conference, contending it violated the Open Meetings Act.

It is my understanding that more than a quorum of the 38 Michigan senators, 110 members of the Michigan House of Representatives, nine Detroit city councilpersons and 15 Wayne County commissioners, have accepted expense-free invitations from the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce to participate in meetings on "public policy issues," said his book-length complaint. Everything McMaster writes is book length. I'll have to talk to him about it some day.

Without question, the legislators he cites met without posting notices as required by sec. 4 of the Open Meetings Act. Without question, they discussed public business, a violation of sec. 3 (1) of the OMA.

Public access, as required by sec. 3 (1) of OMA? Forget it. McMaster offered to buy his way in for \$750 and was told it was "sold out." He wanted to rent a hotel conference room to hold a news conference on behalf of Taxpayers United. "It's not possible. All accommodations for the Grand Hotel and the seven other hotels on Mackinac Island must be handled through the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, and all facilities have been booked," he quotes chamber staffer Earlene Williams

as saying. Only people connected with the chamber had access to the press room. That's unlike the State Capitol, where any unclipped person can walk in and drop a news release in my box No. 27.

McMaster has written to Kelley three times without result. I figured as much. Kelley, though he possesses the wisdom of Holy Brendan and the valor of the mighty Huckleberry Finn, isn't crazy. He would never prosecute the Legislature three weeks before it approves his budget.

I contend the situation is worse than McMaster says it is. This is more than lawmakers violating the OMA. It's the governor, county executives and a big-city mayor talking shop with the brass of General Motors, manufacturers and the like.

Environmentalists were left out. Housewives, mechanics, mom-n-pop hardware store owners, plumbers, cosmetologists and other folks of humble means were excluded, unable to hear let alone rebut the big shots' line.

The chamber effectively removed the state capital from Lansing. It was an outrageous thing to do, and it should be stopped.

If saying that puts me in a category with Bill McMaster, I'm honored.

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

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED VACATION OF ELM COURT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 21, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the same may be reached, on the proposed vacating of Elm Court, located in Walled Lake Streets Subdivision in Section 5.

DESCRIPTION OF THE VACATED PORTION OF ELM COURT: Beginning at a point on the westerly line of Walled Lake Shores, a subdivision of part of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 28, Page 20 of Plats, Oakland County Records, said point being 522°02'00"W 188.05 feet from the NW corner of Lot 30 of said Walled Lake Shores subdivision; thence continuing S22°02'00"W 27.85 feet along the westerly line of said subdivision; thence S42°35'33"E 126.60 feet, thence N47°20'27"E 25.00 feet, thence N42°39'33"W 138.42 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 0.076 acres more or less.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the City Clerk at 248-347-0456.

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Congrats to Dr. Cheal

We congratulate Dr. Jennifer Cheal on her promotion to Novi High School principal from assistant principal, a position she's held in Novi since 1989.

Cheal is an excellent candidate to fill the shoes of Arthur Miller, who is leaving for the Grosse Pointe South High School principalship.

Cheal has bachelor's and master's degrees in music education from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. in K-12 Educational Administration from MSU in 1990.

She's also a role model for the rest of the students and the staff in regard to civic service. She is a counselor for Crisis Intervention Center and a life guard for the Michigan School for the Blind.

The 1991 recipient of the Jaycee's Distinguished Service Award also spent four years as assistant principal for Adrian Public Schools.

Cheal's personality compliments the high school. She has the ability to be tough, yet compassionate about her students. She genuinely cares about their well-being and education.

The Novi Board of Education and Superintendent Emmett Lippe said Cheal will provide consistency at the high school, a necessity after last year's implementation of Block Scheduling and the final completions to building renovations.

Cheal is also on good terms with the teachers of Novi High, helping them with the changeover to the block and creating opportunities to improve curriculum.

She spent time with teachers helping to create the Block and then was part of the presentation to the school board that adopted it. Then she spent hour after hour last summer adjusting the student schedules for the new Block.

We congratulate Dr. Cheal and wish her the best of luck in the weeks ahead preparing for the upcoming school year. And we applaud the board of education for having the insight and good sense to hire her.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

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In Focus

By John Heider



The Thomas clan settles down in Community Park on the Fourth of July to avoid the heat by the Schoolcraft Community College band.

Best seats in the house

Seen on a passing T-shirt: "Gradjuwat! Hukt on Fonix Werk fer nee!"

You'll find similar phonic spellings on the cars of graduating seniors as they celebrate their rite-of-passage, advertising their misspellings for the whole world to see. No wonder taxpayers complain about what 12 years of education apparently produces. On the positive side, the students must have learned phonics somewhere.

The phonics versus whole language debate is always simmering. According to some critics, teachers are on a campaign to deprive students of phonics by imposing whole language on them. I wonder if these critics know what whole language is. I wonder if they remember what phonics was like. And I wonder if they know how slowly schools change.

I first endured phonics under the irritated and unsmiling gaze of Miss McKaye. After weeks of in-unison chanting through the alphabet, my classmates and I grunted and stammered our way through Dick and Jane's repetitive experiences: "Dick. See Dick. See Dick. Run. Jane. See Jane. See Jane. Run." Here the action picks up, sort of. "Baby. See Baby. See Baby. Run. Run. Baby Run."

Move disrupted service, picnic

To the Editor: While the preservation and relocation of the old Nov Methodist Church from Grand River Avenue to Beck Road was an historic event on Sunday morning, June 29, worship services and the annual church picnic planned for that day at Faith Community Presbyterian Church were unfavorably impacted.

Had the church received a two-week advance notice of the logistics of the move, we would have provided members of the congregation with maps of alternate routes to the church and/or poster signs to reroute cars through the subdivisions. In addition, advance notice would have provided us with the opportunity of postponing the annual church picnic or of choosing a location other than the church grounds for that event.

On Thursday, June 26, a notice did appear in *The Novi News* that the move would take place on Sunday morning and that there would be a temporary interruption of electric service. Our secretary called the Detroit Edison number provided in the article and was told that the church would be affected and was given the number of Dennis Brewer to learn the time of the expected interruption. Three calls were made to Mr. Brewer by my secretary and myself. Mr. Brewer did not return our calls.

At Faith Community we sincerely hope that the move of the old Methodist Church was not undertaken on a Sunday morning because it was perceived that

nothing really important happens on Sunday morning anyway. The irony of all of this is that much time and effort was expended by dedicated members of this community to preserve the old church only to have members of our congregation stranded in their cars unable to get to Faith Community worship services solely due to a lack of courteous communication.

The Session of Faith Community Presbyterian Church is grateful for the help and the years they worked to preserve this important part of our community's history. Without them this project would never have happened.

A special thanks to George Keros who held off on the development of his land on Grand River so that this church could find a new home. He has also offered to relocate the existing steeple when we are ready for it.

We know that many people were inconvenienced by this long move with many power outages and the disruption of telephone and Cable TV service. We hope you join with us in celebrating this one in a lifetime move. Your sacrifice is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.
Rev. Timothy Whyte

Special use okay goes with land

To the Editor: Reading about the city and Novi Community School problems with himself tirelessly. We greatly appreciate the many hours he put in. Lt. Tim McNamara with the Novi Police Department stepped in at the last and got everyone organized and moving in a positive direction.

We must also thank "Preservation Novi" for their help and the years they worked to preserve this important part of our community's history. Without them this project would never have happened.

recognition in my mind. Having been alongside, surrounded by, and meeting with far too many lawyers while discussing property development, land purchases, and the relevant governmental laws, a few basic legal facts were repeated frequently. One certainly that always intrigued me was dealing with special conditions. If a particular (and permissible) ruling or exceptional use of the land is lawfully applied to a piece of property, it is customarily referred to as a "Special Land Use."

In this case, the "Special Land Use" on the 41 acres scheduled for a city park/city school complex would allow the developer to build an additional 74 homes on adjacent acreage. In theory, that sounds acceptable, but the one thing about "Special Land Use" is that it goes with the land - not to a previous or original owner.

So once the property is sold, the "Special Land Use" goes along to the new owner. This point is usually stressed in any planning conferences or workshops that cover zoning and land legalities (e.g., a "Special Land Use" say for operating a beauty salon within a residentially-zoned area stays with the property. If the salon is relocated to another non-commercial area, another "Special Land Use" needs to be requested for the new site. The new owner of the old residentially-zoned property automatically received the "Special Land Use" right to open a beauty salon.)

Joseph G. Toth

Ingersoll's dream required turmoil



Barbara Louie

Erastus Ingersoll made his name known to history - at least in the Novi area - by becoming the first white man to settle in the area. He moved to Novi, known as West Farmington for a while, in 1825, and lived there for several years.

While we generally don't think of Novi's early pioneers along with many national events, Ingersoll, like others of his time, was passionately interested in the politics of his day.

Twenty years before the Civil War began, feelings were already running high about the issue of slavery. In a letter to U.S. Sen. William Woodbridge on Dec. 9, 1841, Ingersoll expressed his views on the subject. Writing to the former Michigan governor from his home in Farmington - actually Novi - Ingersoll stated:

"Here let me ask how do we, their sons, carry out those principles... We are told, you have nothing to do with slavery, and furthermore... we have not been permitted to present to Congress our petition to be saved from such dishonor." "The people feel very much disposed to call this principle in question, also to charge the Northern members with bowing at the back of the South. We truly feel that the southern influence, Slaveryocracy, bears too great a sway. All our ministers to foreign courts must be slave holders or apologists for slavery, which is equally bad... How is it that most of our government officers are slave holders, the speaker of the house, the chairmen of most committees... Must these things always exist and grow worse?... How many hundreds does the institu-

tion of slavery murder every year! And with impunity, is this not a violation of that amended article in our Constitution which gives to every person the right of life, liberty and property?"

"We learn and we think from good authority that in Mississippi and Alabama the planters there think it most profitable to work their slaves so hard and keep them so poor as to kill off a set of hands once in about three years. O horrible!"

"But I do exceedingly rejoice that that time is passing by swiftly, there are many more who are not afraid to touch that vexed question... and who are looking forward to the time when we can send men from the North with Northern principles, men who will stand upon their legs and do the business of the North in such manner as is for their interest instead of crouching to the South and doing their bidding... as has been the case for a long time."

More than two decades later, after much bloodshed and turmoil, Ingersoll's dream of the abolishment of slavery finally became reality and the nation was united once again.

Barbara Louie is a local historian of the Novi and Northville area and is author of the book No. Vi on the Trail.

Care urged to avoid utility scams

Two people claiming to be utility workers knocking on your door and say they need to check some wires in your house. Should you let them in or check them out?

If you have not called Detroit Edison or the company has not contacted you, that's the first clue that something may be amiss with their request," said James B. Taylor, Detroit Edison's director of Corporate Security. "You should protect yourself by verifying whether someone has a reason to

be on your property before opening your door."

Summer is a popular time for scam artists who attempt to swindle southeastern Michigan residents. Many scam artists pose as utility workers to gain unlawful entry to customers' property.

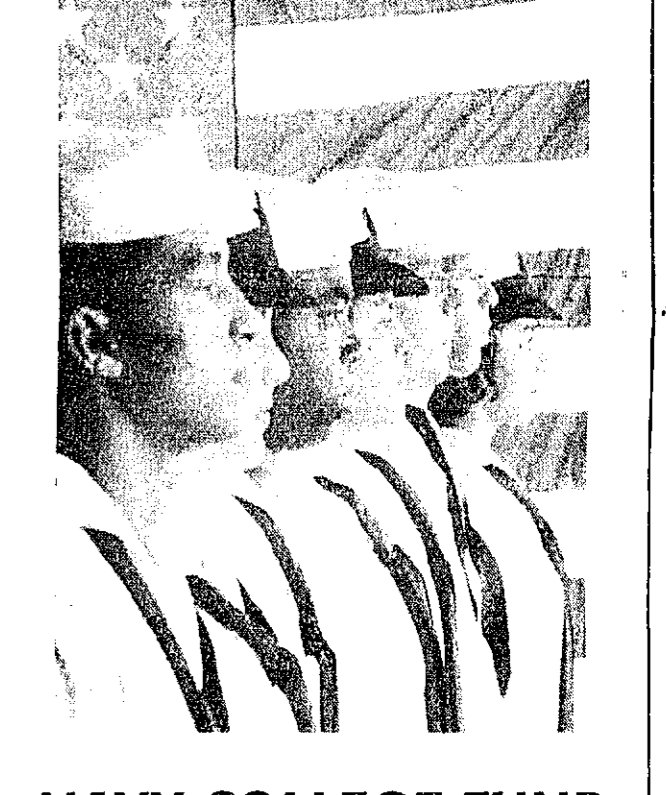
"Unfortunately, these unscrupulous people have devised many seemingly legitimate reasons and diversions to gain access to our customers' homes and valuables," Taylor said.

To avoid being victimized, Detroit Edison offers these suggestions:

- Ask for Identification. All Detroit Edison employees and contractors carry ID cards displaying their photos. If you are unsure about an employee's identification or want to verify work to be done in or around your home, call Detroit Edison at 1-800-477-4747.

- Do not allow entry to people claiming to offer Detroit Edison refunds. Detroit Edison employees never deliver cash refunds or "rebates" to customers' homes. All account transactions are handled through the mail or at a Detroit Edison customer office.
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Students named to high school honor roll

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Bill to allow bowling bets passes

A bill to allow \$5 bets in bowling centers won 83-18 approval in the Michigan House of Representatives and is on its way to the Senate.

Sponsored by Rep. David Jaye, R-Macomb County, the bill amends the penal code to exempt bowling games where the bet doesn't exceed \$5 and the payout per game is \$1,000 or less.

Bowling card games are defined as card games where the results depend on the outcome of a bowling game.

Jaye was sponsor of the 1996 law exempting other games where, for example, a drawing of a bowling score determined the winner.

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1: Bob Keeshan was the first man to play Clarabell, that seltzer-spritzing clown who made our sides split on *The Howdy Doody Show*. He's better known, however, for portraying what other famous TV character?

- The Lone Ranger
- Ollie on *Kukla, Fran & Ollie*
- Captain Kangaroo
- Ward Cleaver

BONUS: Did Clarabell ever speak on the show?

- Yes
- No

2: According to the hit song, who killed him a "bar" when he was only three?

- George Custer
- Davey Crockett
- Jim Bowie
- Buffalo Bill Cody

BONUS: In what famous American battle was the subject of this song killed?

- The Alamo
- Gettysburg
- Little Big Horn
- Shiloh

3: Was the dog which starred in TV's *Lassie* a male or female?

- Male
- Female

4: Which of the following were NOT invented or introduced in the 1950s?

- Seat belts
- Direct dial telephone service
- High-speed dental drill
- Nonstick pans
- Xerox machine
- All of these are from the '50s

5: What film ushered in the 3-D movie craze?

- The House of Wax*
- Run Silent, Run Deep*
- Psycho*

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6: Great Britain's ruler, Queen Elizabeth, ascended to the throne in 1953 following the death of her father, King George VI. Is she the longest-sitting monarch in England's history?

- Yes
- No

BONUS: Three days before Elizabeth's coronation, Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay won a place in history by being the first people to do what?

- Participate in a heart transplant (Hillary to Norgay)
- Climb Mt. Everest
- Swim the English Channel
- Discover DNA
- Produce X-rays in the laboratory

7: Who in 1950 during a speech in Wheeling, West Virginia, set America ablaze by claiming to have a list of 205 names of federal government officials "known as being members of the Communist party?"

- Richard Nixon
- Joe McCarthy
- Edward R. Murrow
- Bob Dole

8: What was the name of the first object successfully put into space by America?

- Gemini 1
- Apollo 2
- Mercury 9
- Explorer 1

9: What did Yankee pitcher Don Larsen throw during the 1956 World Series to make baseball history?

- The first curve ball
- Games Three and Six for \$57,000
- The first no-hitter in World Series play
- A perfect game

BONUS: Whom did the Yanks beat to win it all that year?

- Brooklyn Dodgers
- Chicago Cubs
- Boston Braves
- Cincinnati Reds

10: African-American athlete Althea Gibson won what championship in 1957, becoming the first black woman ever to do so?

- PGA Master's tournament
- Wimbledon
- Women's NCAA basketball most valuable player award
- The Indianapolis 500

11: American author Ernest Hemingway won the Nobel prize for literature in 1954 for what classic tale?

- Snows of Kilimanjaro*
- A Farewell to Arms*
- The Old Man and the Sea*
- For Whom the Bell Tolls*
- The Sun Also Rises*

12: What vaporized Eniwetok Atoll in the south Pacific in November 1952?

- Eruption of Mt. Kilauea
- Explosion of fuel storage ship the U.S.S. *Nebraska*
- Detonation of the first hydrogen bomb
- A crashing UFO

13: What did Jacques Cousteau invent?

- The diving bell
- The aqualing
- The wetsuit
- The torpedo
- The underwater camera

14: What battle did the French lose in Vietnam in 1954, prompting America to join in the fray?

- Khe Sanh
- Hue
- Haiphong
- Dien Bien Phu
- Saigon

15: In 1959 an international treaty was signed to make what part of the earth a demilitarized scientific reserve free from possible commercial development?

- Space
- Greenland
- Antarctica
- Madagascar

16: Thor Heyerdahl led a crew of six to sail *Kontiki*, a balsa wood raft, more than 4,000 miles across the Pacific ocean to show that who originally could have come from where?

- Eskimos from Japan
- Native Americans from the Philippines
- Mexicans from Hawaii
- Polynesians from South America

17: What classic musical about life and love is based on the play *Green Grow the Lilacs*?

- Oklahoma!*
- West Side Story*
- Paint Your Wagon*
- The Music Man*

18: What was Elvis Presley's first million seller?

- Jailhouse Rock*
- Love Me Tender*
- Heartbreak Hotel*
- Hound Dog*
- Blue Suede Shoes*

BONUS: What was the title of his first LP?

- Hound Dog in Blue*
- Elvis!*
- Elvis Presley*
- For Meppan*

19: Which of the following medical firsts did NOT take place during the '50s?

- Kidney transplant
- Introduction of the oral contraceptive pill
- Introduction of penicillin
- Sex-change operation
- Introduction of pacemakers

20: Who did NOT die during the '50s?

- Humphrey Bogart
- Albert Einstein
- Ernest Hemingway
- Josef Stalin
- Christian Dior

21: What was the world's first regular-service commercial jet airline route?

- Washington D.C. to New York
- Boston to Philadelphia
- London to Johannesburg
- Los Angeles to Las Vegas

22: The 1953 Corvette was the American car to have what?

- Fiberglass body
- Seat belts
- Bucket seats
- No trunk

23: Who became a state first, Alaska or Hawaii?

- Alaska
- Hawaii

24: What did Los Angeles resident Ruth Colhoun become the first American to have installed in her back yard in 1951?

- Fiberglass Jacuzzi
- Bomb shelter
- Aluminum fencing
- Pool heater

25: What bamboo device used by gym classes in Australia was eventually picked up by Wham-O?

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TAINED VITTLES, VEXED TUMMIES

When in doubt, throw it out. With picnics, open house parties and, unfortunately, power outages, questions always crop up concerning the safety of food and food preparation. Half of all calls to the Michigan State University Oakland County Extension Service hotline number this time of year are food safety calls, according to home economist Lois Thieleke. "People call because they don't want to throw a cup-and-a-half of potato salad away," she said. "It's far easier to throw out the questionable food than it is to have your stomach pumped."

REFRIGERATED FOOD

A common question asked by those answering the hotline is whether the ketchup and mustard they left out on the counter overnight is safe to use.

Condiments such as ketchup, mustard and some salad dressings can sit out. These items contain vinegar, a useful preservative.

Other condiments that have milk or mayonnaise need to be tossed.

"Two hours out of refrigeration is the limit," Thieleke said. "There are so many things that could go wrong."

If you left the casserole from last night's dinner on the counter all night, throw it away.

If food is away from cooking or refrigerator temperatures for two hours, in the garbage it should go.

"All you are doing is asking for trouble," she said.

For the most part, food poisoning is something that goes unnoticed.

"There is no such thing as a 24-hour flu," she said. "Flu is three days or more. If you're sick with food poisoning for three days you've got a real problem."

Most food poisoning cases go unreported. If you experience a headache, upset stomach, slight case of diarrhea and a churning in the stomach, you probably had food poisoning.

"You're not going to die, but you wish you would," she said.

This time of year if you just don't feel quite right after eating food that's been lying out at a picnic or open house, you might have food poisoning.

"If you have no way of refrigerating it, get rid of it," Thieleke said. "It's not worth the consequences."

There should be no food on the kitchen counter at any time except bread or fruits that are contained within their own skin.

"What we worry most about is combination food," she said. One example is a green bean casserole. If it's been left out more than two hours, don't eat it. You're just asking for trouble.

The degree of sickness depends on the individual, according to Thieleke. Problems can range from a mild headache to vomiting and diarrhea.

"Some people have cast-iron stomachs," Thieleke said. "The most vulnerable group is seniors and small children. They don't have enough of the good bacteria to break down the bad."

"Botulism is the most fatal kind that comes out of a home canning product," she said. "Salmonella poisoning happens with food that has been handled improperly."

During the summer, especially, food should be taken directly home from the grocery store.

There's a tendency to group a few errands into one, like running from the grocery store to the bank, then to the cleaners, and maybe finishing up by getting the oil changed before heading home. Make the



The rule of thumb to follow is if food has been cooked without being refrigerated or has been taken out of the refrigerator for two hours or more, throw it out.

grocery store the last stop.

"Go straight home from the grocery store," Thieleke said. "When you get home from the store everything needs to be refrigerated."

When you think you have a bug because you don't feel quite right but you're not sick enough to go to the doctor, nine times out of 10 it's food poisoning, according to Thieleke.

COOKED FOOD

"People have the misconception that if it's been cooked once it's safe," she said. "It doesn't make any difference: it can still make you ill."

Microbes start multiplying regardless of whether the food has been previously cooked.

"It is the kind of thing you can't see, you can't smell and it doesn't taste bad," she said. "It just makes you sick."

Food poisoning occurs more often in the summer than in the winter, primarily because of more quantity cooking.

"In summertime people like to make things that have a milk or egg base to it, which is dangerous," she said.

TRANSPORTING FOOD

Thieleke suggests that when bringing a dish to a picnic take the ingredients in separate containers and combine them just before you are ready to serve the dish or put it in the refrigerator.

"Potato salad by itself is fine, or the mayo by itself is fine, but when you add the two together you lower the acidity and now you have a product that is unstable."

A steak contains less bacteria than hamburger because there is less surface area. Hamburger has also been touched by someone's hands somewhere along the line.

"If you can take enough ice to keep it cool you're going to be OK," she said.

A safer procedure is to make the hamburgers at home and then freeze them, according to Thieleke.

Take the frozen hamburger patties in a cooler with ice and you won't have quite the same problem.

"They will thaw out and you can still grill them if they're frozen in the middle," she said. "If the weather is really hot it doesn't take them long to thaw out."

Opt for fresh fruit instead of cream pies during the summer.

"Take fresh food and be creative with your salads," Thieleke commented. "You can do a lot of things with greens. But don't put the dressing on until you serve it."

BUFFETS

When at a picnic, open house or backyard party, everything should be refrigerated until eaten.

"If you go to an open house and (the invitation) says from 2 until 5, go at 2:30 and eat," Thieleke said. "Don't eat again, unless you see the hostess switch the food."

The key is to serve the food in smaller containers and submerge those in larger containers that contain ice.

Rotate the dishes so that no dish is out more than two hours. Food that hasn't been changed will begin to look dry on the top. Stirring the food will not solve the problem.

Make sure the chicken and hamburger is well-done.

"Hamburger should not be raw in the middle, that's e-coli bacteria," she said. "If you really are concerned you need to break the hamburger open."

Don't eat it but send it back to the chef. Don't feed it to the dog.

"If you don't like your dog, fine," Thieleke said. "[Dogs] are generally smart enough to know better."

Whether it's the buffet table or a container of leftover food in the refrigerator, keep your fingers out of the food.

After everyone is done eating there will always be a few people walking by the food table who will swipe a piece of food and pop it in their mouth.

"Keep your fingers out of your food and everyone else's. Under your nails and on your hands you have more bacteria than you know," she said. "There is a 20-second hand washing routine. It's not just running your hands under water."

If you are going to pick at food, whether it is in the refrigerator or on a buffet table, use a spoon.

PREPARING FOOD

Cutting boards are also a common source of contaminated food.

Wooden cutting boards should only be used for dry ingredients such as breads or celery and onions, never meat or poultry.

Always use a clean knife when cutting.

Thieleke recommends using one board, preferably Lucite, for chicken only. Wood is porous and all the juices from the poultry and meat will be sucked up by the dry products when you reuse the board.

The extension center is also getting calls right now regarding marinated meat and poultry.

"Do not marinate on the counter," Thieleke said. "Put the meat in the container you're going to marinate in and put it in the refrigerator."

Start marinating earlier in the day if you think the meat won't absorb enough of the seasonings. It can marinate in the refrigerator all day.

When it's time to grill the meat, take the whole container to the grill, put the meat on the grill, then take the container and put it in the dishwasher or wash it well with soap and water. Do not reuse the container for the cooked meat.

If you want to brush the marinade on the meat while it is grilling, do not use the marinade from the original container without boiling it first. The marinade must come to a full boil and cook for another two minutes before it can be used to baste the meat. Better yet, set aside the marinade or make up a new batch to use for basting.

Never reuse a meat dish that carried the raw meat to the grill for the cooked food. Use a new dish or thoroughly wash the original dish with soap and water.

The Michigan State University Oakland County Extension hotline number is (248) 858-0904.

For a copy of refrigerator, freezer or cupboard storage pamphlets, send a self address, stamped business size envelope to: Food Department, MSU Extension - Oakland County, 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48341-0416.

If a power outage threatens to ruin the food in the refrigerator or freezer, here are some tips to keep in mind:

REFRIGERATOR

Food that are safe to use if it is still cold and was held at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or above for under two hours are dairy products, eggs, dressings, soups, casseroles, soups, stews, meat, lunch meats, poultry, seafood, pies and pastries, breads, cakes, cookies and pasta, sauces, spreads and jams.

All foods that have been held above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for over two hours should be discarded, with the exception of butter, margarine, hard and processed cheese, fruit juices, canned, fresh and dried fruit, fresh mushrooms, herbs, spices, fruit pies, breads, rolls, cakes, muffins, nut breads, peanut butter, open salad dressing,

jelly, relish, barbecue sauce, mustard, catsup and olives.

If thawing meat or poultry are warmer than the refrigerator temperature, discard.

Mayonnaise, tartar sauce and horseradish should be discarded if the temperature has been above 60 degrees Fahrenheit for over eight hours.

FREEZER

Keep the freezer closed to keep the cold air inside.

A full, freestanding freezer will stay at freezing temperatures for about two days, a half-full freezer about one day.

In a half-full freezer, group packages together.

If the power will be out for more than two days, try to find some dry ice. Follow directions carefully. Twenty-five pounds of dry ice

should hold a 10-cubic-foot full freezer three to four days.

Group meat and poultry to one side so that if it begins to thaw the juices won't get on any other food.

If food does begin to thaw but still contains ice crystals and feels as cold as if refrigerated, it can be refrozen. The exceptions are ice cream and frozen yogurt, which should be discarded.

If food has thawed and has been above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for over two hours, discard everything except juices which can be refrozen if not moldy, smelly or slimy. Vegetables should be discarded if unthawed for six hours.

Breads, rolls, muffins, and cakes without custard fillings can be refrozen. Anything with custard fillings must be discarded. Pie crusts can be refrozen as can commercial and homemade bread doughs, although there may be considerable quality loss.

Pasta- and rice-based casseroles should be discarded if thawed but flour, cornmeal and nuts can be refrozen.

Singles

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

On July 16, after meeting at the Sundowner Restaurant on dinner at 6 p.m., Single Place will return to the church for "A Distinction Between Intimacy and Sexuality" with Alex Gotsman at 7:30 p.m. or an open forum with Howard Layson on "What is Single Place?" For continued fellowship, the group will go to Getz's after the presentations.

Activities for the month of July include a walk in the park every Saturday at 10 a.m. and volleyball every Sunday at 6 p.m. A Divorce Recovery Workshop with various speakers begins on Aug. 7 and runs for seven Thursday evenings until Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$30.

"How to Have a Constructive Conflict," with speaker Pam Jacobs, will be held on July 17 and 21 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$18 in advance or \$21 on July 17.

A Niagara-on-the-Lake Show Festival departs at 7 a.m. on Aug. 23 and returns at 11 p.m. on Aug. 24. Two plays, "The Grapes of Wrath" and "The Chocolate Soldier," at the Royal George Theatre. An overnight stay will be at Brock University. The cost is \$238 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit due by July 20. The balance of \$138 is due by Aug. 13.

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

HOLY FAMILY SINGLES is a group for separated, divorced, widowed or never-been-married persons.

For more information, call Church of the Holy Family at 349-8847.

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

The Uniquely Single Group for those who have never been married meets the fourth Tuesday, also in the Cabin Room, from 7 until 9 p.m.

New Start for widows and widowers meets every Thursday in room A-15 from 7:30 until 9 p.m.

For more information call the Single Point office at (313) 422-1854.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road at Six Mile in Livonia, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help singles in their life struggles. Coffee, donuts, conversation and Christ are always present.

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation.

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

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

Summer volleyball will be held on Thursdays, weather permitting, at 6 p.m. until dusk at Botany Park on Six Mile between Meridian and Farmington Road. A donation of \$1 is required.

A Summer Divorce Recovery Workshop is scheduled for July 14 through 18 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. and on July 19 from 8:30 a.m. until noon in the Chapel. The cost is \$25 for those who pre-register, \$30 at the door, and \$15 for repeats. Free child care is available.

Biking for July will take place July 12 and 19.

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

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

Every Monday night the group meets at the Maples of Novi on

Conflict to be topic at workshop

Fourteen Mile for each, pinochle and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. Cash bar and movies are available.

Workshop entitled "How to Have a Constructive Conflict," on two Thursday evenings, July 17 and 24 at 7 p.m.

Led by therapist Pam Jacobs, the workshop will assess conflict styles and offer suggestions for constructive disagreements. How to fight fair including interacting to be heard, minimizing escalation in conflict and maximizing communication will also be discussed.

Other topics include verbal and nonverbal communication skills and how to communicate and interpret feelings and messages.

Jacobs is on the faculty of Eastern Michigan University and is in private practice in Ann Arbor as a therapist in individual, couples, group, and family counseling, systems analysis, and behavioral and stress management.

She holds professional membership in the Michigan Association for Professional Psychologists, the Michigan Interprofessional Association of Marriage, Divorce and the Family, AASECT, SEICUS, the Michigan Psychological Association and the Michigan Women Psychologists.

The workshop will be held in the Forum Room at First Presbyterian Church, 200 East Main Street in Northville. It is open to any single, divorced or separated person of any age.

The cost of the workshop is \$18 for those who preregister and \$21 at the door.

For more information, call Single Place Adult Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

Engagement



Tracy Page/Steven Tashman

Mr. and Mrs. Steve M. Page of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Tracy Elizabeth, to Steven Mark Tashman, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tashman of Northville and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Volante of Redford.

The bride-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1990, and from Eastern Michigan University in 1995, where she is currently studying for her master's in educational psychology. In addition to

her studies, she is teaching fourth grade in the Plymouth-Canton Community School District.

The bridegroom-elect graduated from Novi High School in 1989. He is studying for his degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Michigan while employed at Sherwin Williams in Detroit.

Their engagement was officially announced on July 4, 1996, and their wedding will be held on Aug. 9.

Singles planning getaway weekend

A Summer Get Away Weekend has been planned by Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville for July 25 through 27 in Traverse City.

Advisor Pat Holman will be leading the trip which will include two nights lodging (double occupancy) at the Holiday Inn, dinner at Mt. Jack's Restaurant, two full breakfasts, as well as tax, tips and gratuities.

Options not included in the cost of the trip are golf and canoeing. Other things to do with the scheduled free time during the weekend

include motor tours, the Sleeping Bear Dunes, public golf courses, bicycling, horseback riding, Sea Doo rentals, a concert at the Interlochen Center for the Arts and evening entertainment at area nightclubs.

The cost is \$208 for those driving and \$228 for individuals who need transportation.

A \$100 non-refundable registration fee is due now with the balance due on July 23.

For additional information, call Single Place Adult Ministries at (248) 349-0911.

Got 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. There is no charge.

Church Notes

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 31450 Six Mile Road in Livonia, which has members from Northville and Novi, installed Daniel Dunning, a former Plymouth-Canton School Board candidate and a Canton resident, as its new president.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is a lay church with no paid ministry. Dunning, who will serve without wages as president, will be assisted in his responsibilities by William Hutchinson of South Lyon and Robert Egbert of Plymouth, who were installed as counselors.

Friendship is the theme of this year's Vacation Church School at MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, scheduled for 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., July 28 through Aug. 1. The school is for children ages four through the fifth grade.

Children will participate in stories, games, snacks, crafts, fellowship and Bible lessons. A picnic with hot dogs and ice cream is planned for Aug. 1.

Those interested in attending Camp Meadowbrook should contact the church office at 348-7757.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, 201 Elm Street in Northville one block west of Center behind Shopping Center Market, offers a new evening Vacation Bible School (VBS) program which runs every other Tuesday now through Aug. 18 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The evening VBS is a family-oriented program for ages three through sixth grade. Parents are encouraged to attend along with their children. For more information, call the church at 349-3140.

For the third year, the popular Summer Organ Series will be presented on Sunday evenings from 7 until 8 p.m. at the **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE**, 200 East Main.

The series includes former directors/organists of the church, including Scott Van Orman on July 13, Jeffrey Foster on July 27, and Joanne Vallerand on Aug. 10.

Each performer will discuss the pieces in his or her program in detail. A reception in the Fellowship Hall, where guests may greet each performer, will follow each performance.

A free-will offering will be accepted and child care will be available at each program for \$2 per child.

The concerts are part of a year-long Fine Arts Series sponsored by the church. For more information, call the church at 349-0911.

The **NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH**, which worships temporarily in the former Plymouth Wesleyan Church at 42300 Five Mile Road at Braden, offers services on Sunday morning from 10 until 11 a.m.

For more information, contact New Life Lutheran Church Pastor Ken Roberts at his wife, Marilyn, at (313) 459-8181 or (313) 207-5223.

OAK POINTE CHURCH, a new, contemporary, non-denominational church, meets for a one-hour service at 10 a.m. in the Northville High School Auditorium, 775 N. Center.

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 Shirock at (248) 626-0372.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST, which meets at Village Oaks Elementary School, 21333 Meadowbrook in Novi, offers services at 9 and 11 a.m.

Church of Today, West also offers Sunday services and youth education at both services. For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900.

Student takes part in road race

Novi resident Laura Jones took to the road as part of Western Michigan University's Sunseeker 97 race team which participated in Sunrayce 97, a 1,200-mile cross-country competition.

Jones, the daughter of Thomas and Ann Jones, has been serving as the team's educational outreach coordinator and is part of the 20-member student squad that designed and built the solar-powered car to compete in the June 19 to 28 race from Indianapolis, Ind., to Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sunseeker 97 breezed through final inspection during Sunrayce 97 pre-race activities, which were held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The car was set to be part of a 40-car field which took off for Terre Haute, Ind., on the first leg of the race's 10-day, 1,200-mile route. The race was scheduled to end June 28 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The WMU car started in eighth place in the field, having earned a 12th-place starting slot in May at the Sunrayce eastern regional qualifying event which was held in Millard.

Sunseeker then moved up as a result of final qualifying events in Indianapolis.

The drivers of the car are Sunseeker project leader Steve C. Hunt, a graduate student in computer science from Kalamazoo, and Lonnie L. Beckwith, a senior manufacturing engineering major from Jonesville.

Backup drivers are Brian K. Boardman, a sophomore aviation major from Holland, Mich., and Marc A. Jansen, a senior electrical engineering major from Kentwood.

Sunrayce 97 is a biennial college competition sponsored by the General Motors Corp., EDS and the U.S. Department of Energy.



Novi resident Laura Jones is WMU's Sunseeker educational outreach coordinator.

In Service

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class **KENNETH P. ANDERSON** of Novi recently was promoted to his present rank while serving at Naval Air Reserve Activity, Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mount Clemens.

Anderson was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Anderson joined the Navy in May 1971. He has been a detective at Redford Township Police Department of Redford for 18 years.

DARLENE E. GALDO has completed a U.S. Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (OTC) training program at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla.

Some subjects of summer curriculum consisted of orientation on jet aircraft, career opportunities, human relations education, etc. Physical fitness and survival training was also attended by cadets between their second and third year of college.

Cadet Galdo is a student at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She is the daughter of John A. and Theresa Galdo of Novi and a 1995

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Young actors to present classic tale

Happily Ever After is coming to a stage near you. This weekend, July 11, 12 and 13, the Novi Theatre will present Patricia Thackeray's story of the folk dolls who come to life.

Directed by Mary Kay Davis, the story unfolds in a special playroom where wonderful magical events transpire. A newcomer has arrived in the playroom, a fancy French doll named Babette, played by Lindsay Barringer. That very evening, Prince Leonard-the-Lonely-Hearted, played by Kyle Shull, comes riding by on his hobby horse and whisks her away to Looneyland.

Ann, played by Alex Malloy, and Andy, played by Kirk Jones, climb out the window into the "deep, deep woods" to fetch Babette back home.

The costumes are designed by Carolyn DeCoster. The set is designed by Timothy Antheim of the Hilberry Theatre. The lighting is by Donald Fox, who holds a master of fine arts degree from Wayne State University.

Other cast members in *Happily Ever After* are Novi residents Katie Johnson, Erika Alpert, Kyle Shull, Lauren Sorrentino, Alex

Baum, Kathryn Stedko, Jenna Uiter, Janine Surma, Molly Alpert, Heather Kline, Nolan Santos, Matthew Swift, Robert Matar, Allison Sansom, Genna Lamplin, Allight Wickert, Melanie Kernin, Sara Dzwonkowski, Alicia Hirschfeld, Katie McAllen, Emily Michel, Katie Hamblin, Brent Beeler, Lauren Dates, Dawn Wilton, Becky Reiche, Sarah Hamilton, Christie DeCoster, Bryan Glick, Liz Morgan, Laura Hirschfeld, Chelsea Crofoot, Jocelyn Mully, Amanda Kelly, Janine Surma, Kathy Laux, Diana Frentos, Erin Calvert, Anna Sansom, Grace Dzwonkowski, Mike Baker, Amy Burger, Stacey Kernin, Kristen Crofoot and Brett Schwarzoske.

Performances on Friday and Saturday, July 11 and 12, are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, July 13, there is an afternoon performance set for 3 p.m. Tickets, which are \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children under 12, may be purchased in advance at a \$1 discount.

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

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Starting in The Novi Theatre's production of *'Raggedy Ann & Andy'* are Lindsay Barringer as Babette, Kirk Jones as Andy and Alex Malloy as Ann. Show dates are July 11, 12 and 13.

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Don't take action thriller at face value



Castor Troy (Nicolas Cage) and Sean Archer (John Travolta) wrestle with each other's identities.

Enjoy the ride at Southfield Star theater

By Arianna Layton
SPECIAL WRITER

Going to the new Star theater in Southfield is a movie viewing adventure.

The mammoth 20 screen cinema is something akin to a miniature Universal Studios theme park.

My mother and I ventured to Southfield with no inkling that we were embarking on an unforgettable film journey.

The sidewalks sparkled in the sun as we neared the newly opened Jurassic-sized theater swarming with couples and families, teenagers and smiling children with balloons.

We were greeted at the door by a man in full costume promoting the Renaissance Festival. As we crossed over to inside, for a moment I wondered if we had made a wrong turn and ended up at the mall. On either side, there were booths of jewelry, watches, license plates and all sorts of nifty gadgets.

More Renaissance people floated around, joined by face painters and clowns shaping animal balloons and throwing bean bag balls. It was a visual smorgasbord and I was glad we were early enough to take in the splendor of the Star.

Our next mission, of course, was to inspect the bathrooms. For once, there was no line in the ladies room. Stalls were in abundance and bathroom and vanity scenes from movie gems were displayed above each sink, including the famous shower scene from Psycho and Julie Roberts singing in her gorgeous bubble bath in Pretty Woman.

At the bathroom exit, a classy wooden cut out of a man in a tux held out a large bowl of mints. The same cut outs were placed at the exits of each theater.

Then came the ultimate part of our experience. We walked down the long corridor to theater 1 in awe. The tunnel eventually opened up to a large sized theater. Stadium seating made every seat in the house a good one, no matter how tall the fellow sitting in front of you was. We smuggled down into our chairs, as comfortable as if we were sitting in recliners, although we couldn't put our feet up. The family in the row in front of us rocked back in forth in their chairs.

I looked around, counting the rows and the number of chairs in each row and estimated that it could comfortably seat at least 500 people.

"Now this is a real theater," explained a man behind me as we all prepared for the feature film to show on the extra wide screen in front of us. I have to agree.

The Star is located on Twelve Mile near Telegraph Road and is a theater worth checking out.

My mom pointed up to a board cycling through what shows were playing at what times in which theaters, and we watched it, waiting for our showing to come up as if we were looking for a flight gate at an airport.

There it was, theater 1, Wild America.

As we walked deeper into the Hollywood world, we came to a concession area resembling Mr. Buikley and Fanny Farmers rolled into one. Snack central was capped off by a giant bag of popcorn with a little mechanical kernel popping up and down.

On either side we were surrounded by larger than life cutouts of the Three Stooges, The Lone Ranger, R2D2 and, yes, even a raptor. Cars were on display in the center of the hall past the concession stand.

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By Tom Shaw
SPECIAL WRITER

"Face/Off" writers Mike Werb and Michael Collety have called their movie "a psychological thriller disguised as an action film." They're right. The film has a good mix of mind games, scientific wizardry, old fashioned shoot outs and high speed chases, held together by the convincing performances of John Travolta and Nicolas Cage.

The first part of "Face/Off" revolves around the attempt of FBI agent Sean Archer, played by Travolta, to learn the secret location of a massive biological bomb threatening Los Angeles. Castor Troy, a flamboyant terrorist played by Cage, and his schizophrenic brother Pollux, are responsible for the bomb.

Archer, whose 5-year-old son Michael was murdered by Troy during a botched assassination attempt years earlier, kills Troy

when he tries to leave Los Angeles. The only one left who knows the location of the bomb is Pollux, who is arrested by the FBI before he can see his brother die.

In order to trick Pollux into revealing where his bomb is hidden, Archer is talked into temporarily replacing his face with Troy's, whose body has been placed on life-support to preserve his tissue. However, after Archer undergoes the top-secret operation and finds out where the bomb is, Troy unexpectedly wakes up from his coma and forces doctors to give him Archer's face. When Archer must convince former allies of his true identity, the movie really gets going.

Travolta and Cage do a nice job convincing audiences to look past mere skin and focus on their personalities. It's easy to keep rooting for Archer, even though he resembles Cage for most of the movie. Similarly, Travolta instantly inherits Troy's evil nature, hedonistic lifestyle and viewers' contempt.

Archer has to adjust to prison and fugitive life as much as Troy has to get used to an "honest" living and a family. These situations create very believable tension when Archer is powerless to stop Troy from taking over his life. They

also provide some humorous moments when, for instance, Troy borrows cigarettes from Archer's daughter and teaches her how to properly use a butterfly knife after she is harassed by her boyfriend.

Besides psychological thrillers, "Face/Off" has some well-orchestrated action sequences, including a speed boat chase at the movie's conclusion. Director John Woo, who worked with Travolta in "Broken Arrow," provides audiences with some refreshing computer-free stunt work that almost cost one stunt man his life.

Granted, it's hard to imagine anyone could survive the statistics of bullets Cage and Travolta unleash on each other and the scientific portions dealing with Archer's operation and Troy's resurrection are a little overdone, but that's not really important. The movie has more to offer than just high-tech gadgets and mindless violence.

With an increasing number of big-budget films placing digital images above quality acting and interesting plots, "Face/Off" captures the right mix of absorbing characters and fast-paced destruction. You can leave the theater feeling satisfied by an entertaining mental and visual workout.



Robin Spielberg

Pianist to perform new release

Pianist/composer Robin Spielberg will perform live at Borders Books & Music in Novi on Sunday, July 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Featured in the performance will be Spielberg's newest release, *In the Arms of the Wind*.

Spielberg, who performed to a packed house at Carnegie Hall this spring will be performing pieces from her best-selling recordings on the Rhode Island-based label, North Star Music.

Spielberg brings elements of new-age, classical and pop to her compositions and shares anecdotes and insights with her audience. Since performing in Michigan

last summer, she appeared in a concert around the country, recorded a CD for piano/ensemble, traveled to Germany to produce a recording on a European label, published a songbook and made her Carnegie Hall debut.

Spielberg began formal piano training at the age of seven. In college she studied theater and after graduating with a bachelor of fine arts degree in theater she cofounded The Atlantic Theater Company with several of her classmates.

Spielberg worked often as a composer for the company's off-Broadway productions, including David

Mamet's adaptation of *Three Sisters* starring Elizabeth McGovern, John Guare's *Women & Water*, and her own musical for children, *Balloonland*.

In 1993, Spielberg released her debut recording of original piano solos *Heart of the Hand* on her own, North Star Music re-released it in May of 1994 and in three months it became the fastest selling recording in the label's 10-year history. It has held that spot for three years running.

Borders Books & Music is located in the Novi Town Center on Novi Road.

Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS: The Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra is looking for accomplished flute, harp, oboe, clarinet, bassoon, and horn students ages 12 to 20 living in Michigan to compete in the 1997-98 Youth Soloist Competition, set for Oct. 2 and 3. The winner will receive a \$500 cash prize and the opportunity to perform with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra in the Mozart Birthday Bash on Jan. 24, 1998.

The deadline for entry is Monday, Sept. 22. For further information or a registration form, contact the Orchestra by calling (313) 994-4801, by fax at (313) 994-3349, or by e-mail at a2so@wnet.com.

AUTHENTIC BRITISH BRASS BAND: The Motor City Brass Band is conducting interviews 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: **CLOCK CONCERTS:** The next concert is scheduled for July 11. The Farmington Concert Band will perform. Concerts are held in the bandshell in downtown Northville from 7:30 until 9 p.m. For details, call the Northville Arts Commission at 449-9950.

BOUNDS OF SUMMER: Featured at the next Novi Sounds of Summer Concert will be the Red Garter Band July 10 at 7 p.m. Concerts are held on the north lawn of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. For more information (248) 347-0400.

PERFORMER'S SHOWCASE: The public is invited to attend the

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

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. For more information or reservations, call Northville Carriage Co. at 380-3961.

LIBRARY SPORTS PUB AND GRILL: The Library Sports Pub and Grill is located at 42100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. For details, call 349-9110.

TUSCAN CAFE: Tuscan Cafe presents a variety of entertainment acts nightly except Sundays. Weekly performances are from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday performances are from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tuscan Cafe is located at 150 Center Street in Northville. For details, call 305-8629.

BRADY'S FOOD & SPIRITS: Live entertainment is offered from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Brady's Food & Spirits is located at 38123 West Ten Mile Road in the Holiday Inn in Farmington Hills. For details, call (248) 478-7780.

THE RAVEN GALLERY & ACOUSTIC CAFE: The Raven will present an open mike night on Wednesdays and all acoustic music, string instruments, horns and some jazz on Thursday through Saturday evenings. The Raven is located at 145 N. Center Street in downtown Northville. For ticket information or reservations, call 349-9420.

MR. B'S FARM: Tim Flaherty hosts an open blues jam every Tuesday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Nancy K provides the vocals for the classic and contemporary trio jazz of The Tim Flaherty Trio every Sunday. Show times are 8 p.m. to midnight. Mr. B's Farm is located at Novi Road north of Ten Mile. For details, call 349-7038.

OXFORD INN: The Oxford Inn is located at 43317 Grand River in Novi. For details, call (810) 305-5856.

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 his 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.

NEARBY: **NATIVE WEST:** The featured artist for the month of July will be Carol Grigg, a renowned artist who draws inspiration for her paintings from eastern and primitive cultures and her own Native American heritage. Native West is located at 863 West Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. For details, call (313) 455-8838.

GOLF CLASSIC: The 8th Annual City of Hope Golf Classic to benefit the research fellowship of former Novi resident Phoebe Yauk at the City of Hope National Medical Center and Beckman Research Institute will take place Friday, Aug. 1, at the Bay Pointe Golf Club, 4001 Haggerty Road in West Bloomfield. There will also be contests, raffles and live and silent auctions. For details or to register, call (248) 737-3020.

GREENMEAD MUSIC FESTIVAL: Greenmead 2000 presents Rare Earth, Reverend Right Time and the First Cousins of Funk, Killer Flamings, R H Factor, and Sunglasses After Dark on Saturday, July 12, from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m. Greenmead Historical Village is located off Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile. Tickets are \$5 in advance at Ticketmaster or at the Livonia City Hall Parks and Recreation Department. Tickets are \$10 at the gate. Children under 12 are free when accompanied by an adult. For details, call (248) 477-7375.

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Everyone dreads having surgery, but with "minimally invasive" techniques becoming the norm for treating many ailments, patients can undergo necessary procedures and return to their previous lifestyle without the fear, pain and debilitation associated with traditional, open surgeries.

Because surgeons realize that pain and extensive recovery periods are the most unpleasant aspects of the surgical experience, advances are continually being sought to make surgery more comfortable. Current advances in surgical instruments and a new critical look at traditional surgical techniques have led to the perfection and increased use of minimally invasive surgery.

With this type of surgery, the conventional long, disabling "open" incisions can be reduced to a fraction of their traditional size and can often be covered by only a Band-Aid. Small sterile video endoscopes, which are transmitted to TV-type monitors, allow a clearer, broader view that can be obtained during most standard operations. Every instrument has been reduced

to a long thin design in order to adapt to these "micro" incisions.

Like most technology, this "new" type of surgery was actually developed years ago and has been expanded and advanced to become a standard of care in many instances. A lung doctor from Scandinavia, working in 1911, was the first to put a small lighted tube into the chest to treat tuberculosis. Since that time European physicians have been ahead of American physicians in minimal operations - until now.

Today in the U.S. it is quite common for gynecologists to look at and treat pelvic organs using the laparoscope and specialized surgical instruments. Orthopedists repair damaged joints with the arthroscope and general surgeons remove inflamed gall bladders and portions of the intestine through these same type of small, minimally invasive incisions.

As time goes on, the number and type of surgeries performed in this fashion continue to increase. Thoracic surgeons use these "minimal" techniques to treat an assortment of diseases of the lungs and chest, including lung

removal and biopsy, fluid drainage and treatment of heartburn. Even cardiac surgeons are looking at new preliminary techniques to make incisions smaller in order to bypass blocked coronary arteries and replace defective heart valves.

Although different surgeons use different names to describe these procedures ("laparoscopy" - general surgeon, "thoracoscopy" or "VATS" - thoracic surgeon), the concepts and goals are very much the same.

These minimally invasive procedures cause less pain, create a smaller scar, are associated with less muscle disruption and allow a speedier recovery. This, along with better methods of pain control, can produce a kinder surgical experience.

This article was written by John E. Hramiec, M.D., a thoracic surgeon who performs minimally invasive thoracoscopy at Providence Hospital in Southfield and Providence Medical Center in Novi.

Arthritis a common problem for millions

Arthritis is a common problem for millions of people. Like many diseases, it becomes more common with age. It is a condition causing inflammation, redness, pain, swelling and damages to a joint. Many people do not realize that arthritis is not one disease and may be caused by many different conditions.

Some causes of arthritis include heredity, infections, problems with the immune system and previous injuries. The commonality in all these problems is inflammation. Although there are special drugs for special types of arthritis, the anti-inflammatory drugs are generally useful for all types of arthritis. These drugs are the mainstay of most arthritis treatment. They are good but they also have problems.

Aspirin was the first drug to have an impact on arthritis treatment. It was invented in the late 19th century. Aspirin relieves pain and swelling and decreases inflammation. This anti-

inflammatory ability is most useful because inflammation causes the continued damage to the joint. Although a good pain reliever, Tylenol does not affect inflammation at all. For this reason aspirin is a better drug for arthritis than Tylenol.

The problem with using aspirin for arthritis is in taking the right amount. Usually, the dose of aspirin that relieves inflammation is greater than the dose that relieves pain. That is important since smaller amounts may make the patient feel better but not give the anti-inflammatory effect that's needed.

Many patients stop the medicine too early because the pain is gone and they feel that they must be better and no longer need relief. Because inflammation is still going on, it generally needs to be continued. Currently there are 15 to 20 drugs on the market. In many ways they are the great grandchildren of aspirin. They relieve arthritis by their anti-inflammatory effect. They are stronger than aspirin and do not have to be taken as frequently.

A partial listing of these drugs includes: Motrin, Feldene, Voltaren, Clonril, Tolacolin, Indocin, Ansaid and Lodine. They basically work like aspirin but are more potent. Unfortunately, they have the same type of side effects

that aspirin does.

The major complications of aspirin and the anti-inflammatory drugs are ringing in the ears, problems with blood clotting and, most importantly, stomach upset, gastritis and ulcers.

Although most people are not bothered by stomach problems, some are. The gastritis and ulcers give physicians the greatest problems. All physicians have had the dilemma of a patient with arthritis who feels better with the medication but then develops stomach problems. When the medicine is stopped, the stomach pain goes away but the arthritis pain comes back. When the medicine is restarted, the cycle repeats itself.

Fortunately, with the huge choice of medications available if one medicine causes a problem, another may be substituted. Frequently, taking the medicine with food may alleviate the problem. If not, there are other medications which may be used with the anti-inflammatory to offset the stomach upset.

This article was written by Dr. Raymond Hobbs, an internist at the University of Michigan Livonia Internal Medicine Center. For more information or to make an appointment, call (313) 266-9419.



Raymond Hobbs

Health Notes

Oakland County holding immunizations

Immunizations

The Oakland County Health Division will be offering an immunization clinic for Farmington and surrounding areas at the Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road, south of Eight Mile Road, on Wednesday, Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Immunizations for measles, German measles, mumps, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough Haemophilus influenza Type B (HIB) and Hepatitis B will be available.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years of age. Bring any previous records of immunizations, including notices which might have been sent home from the child's school pertaining to immunizations.

Immunizations will be given at the same time and location on the second Wednesday of every month.

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is offering a series of community health programs and support groups in the area. To register for classes, call 1-800-968-5595.

Screenings

Free weekly blood pressure screenings: On Mondays, July 14: 8-10 a.m., Wonderland Mall, Livonia; July 21: 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Target, Haggerty Road, Livonia; July 28: Noon-2 p.m., Northville Senior Center, 215 W. Cady St., Northville.

No registration required. If there are any questions call the Community Outreach Department at (313) 655-2922 or toll free, 1-800-494-1650.

Speech Program

The Speech Pathology Department at St. Mary Hospital is offering a Summer Speech Program for children who could benefit from continuous speech and language services. The program which includes two, 30-minute small group sessions a week, began in mid June and will run through Aug. 22.

The Summer Speech Program is developed and run by speech language pathologists certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association who have received training in the treatment of childhood and adult communication disorders. Participation is open to children with all types of communication problems such as language development, articulation, stuttering/fluency and other voice disorders.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in the Summer Speech Program, or would like further information about the program, call (313) 655-2955 ext. 2422 or toll free 1-800-494-0422.

Let's Look at Cholesterol

Discuss methods to reduce blood cholesterol with exercise, medication and diet. Cholesterol checks provided. Presented by Usha Singh M.D.

July 24 from 7-8 p.m. at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi. Fee: \$15. Call 1-800-968-5595 to register.

CPR - Initial Certification

This is an American Heart Association certification course for health care professionals or those seeking in-depth knowledge of basic life support rescue skills. Adult, child and infant CPR and choking rescue techniques are covered. This program meets the requirements for day care providers.

July 22, Aug. 26, from 8 a.m.-noon, Providence Hospital, Southfield, \$35. To register call 1-800-968-5595.

Immunization Clinic

Children up to age 19 can receive all necessary immunizations with the exception of the varicella vaccine (chickenpox). Please bring immunization record to clinic.

July 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills, 30055 Northwestern Highway. There is a \$5 facility fee. Call (248) 865-4000 to register.

CPR - Recertification

This course is designed for health care professionals who hold a current health care provider card issued by the American Heart Association or The American Red Cross. Adult, child, and infant CPR and choking rescue techniques are covered.

The program will be held on Aug. 12, from 8-11 a.m. at Providence Hospital-Southfield, \$25. Call 1-800-968-5595 to register.

Heartsaver/Basic Life Support

Basic knowledge of heart and lungs, signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke, adult CPR, and choking rescue skills will be taught. Please note, this course does not meet requirements for day care providers. Must be 14 years or older.

• Location No. 1: Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills. Date: July 16, Aug. 13.
• Location No. 3: Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, Novi. Date: July 28, Aug. 25.
• Location No. 4: Providence Medical Center-

South Lyon. Date: Aug. 6.

• Location No. 5: Providence Hospital-Southfield. Date: Aug. 5.

Time: 6-9 p.m. Cost: \$20. To register call 1-800-968-5595.

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.

Date: Continuously revolving six-week program held on Monday evenings. From 6-8:30 p.m. at Providence Medical Office Center in Novi, Ten Mile and Haggerty roads. Fee: \$20. To register call (248) 424-3903.

Infant/Pediatric CPR

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• Location No. 1: Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, July 14, Aug. 11.

• Location No. 2: Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia. July 24, Aug. 21.

• Location No. 3: Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills. July 30, Aug. 27.

• Location No. 5: Providence Hospital-Southfield. Aug. 19.

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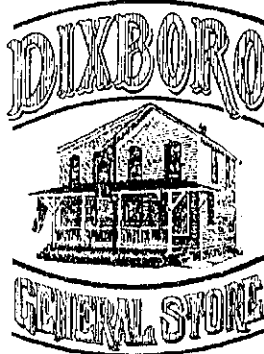
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