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For city, Harvest Lake, it's almost a done deal

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

As the culmination of two years of effort on the part of the developers, Harvest Lake received area plan approval Monday from the Novi City Council.

The next step is for lawyers to draw up a residential unit development contract between the developers and the city, which will need a second approval from the council.

"I think the project represents a good compromise," Mayor Kathleen McLallen said.

"The developer has made an extra effort...to be sensitive to the neighborhood."

Meanwhile, a land deal between the developer's "sister company," Delta Trucking Company, the City of Novi and the Novi school district is expected to be

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Kathleen McLallen,
 Mayor

wrapped up in the near future, when tricky title issues are resolved. Harvest Land is a subsidiary of the Edward C. Levy Company, a gravel mining corporation.

Weiner told the council that Levy views the Novi project as a showcase and example of how it will reclaim other mining sites.

"For the first time, on a large-scale in Novi will be a major mining and a major reclamation. It will be the prime example of our ability to reclaim that land use," Weiner said.

The project passed in a 4-3 vote. As in past meetings, those opposed to approval of the plan were generally more outspoken than those in favor of it.

Backers of the plan - McLallen, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and Council Members Kathy Mutch and Ed Kramer - contended that the clustered housing will enable more of the natural features of the site, including woods and meadows, to be preserved.

With a conventional subdivision, Kramer said, more infrastructure would be needed than in a clustered RUD and more of the environment would be destroyed.

McLallen cautioned Harvest Lake that she expects the amenities shown in their plans and slide show to appear in the final development, including the playgrounds and beaches.

If not, the mayor added, "our attorneys will find a way to make it work."

For those who voted against the area plan, one key sticking point was that the RUD requires a significant amount of housing to be built to the standards of the underlying zoning.

Somewhat less than five percent of the 876 units in Harvest Lake will be platted to the standards of the existing residential-agricultural, one-acre lot

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Rocky's replaces Novi Fuddruckers

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

You won't be able to get The World's Greatest Hamburger anymore.

But you will get to savor seafood prepared by the former executive chef of the famous Golden Mushroom in Southfield.

Steve & Rocky's, an upscale seafood restaurant, took over the Fuddrucker's Restaurant building on Grand River Avenue which closed last month.

The new venture is owned by Charles (Rocky) Rachwitz, owner of the Rocky's restaurants in Northville and Brighton and Steve Allen, chef of the Golden Mushroom.

"We'll have a lot of seafood but also have steaks, veal and simple pastas," said Allen.

"It will be a fun, family environment on the verge of fine dining."

"I think we can do some upscale things and still keep it

within the family budget," he added.

The restaurant is scheduled to open in October after undergoing an interior decorating make-over, said John Campbell, general manager of the Rocky's in Northville.

"We're putting quite a bit of money into it," he said.

The outside of the building will remain virtually the same, with changes to just the signage and the awnings, according to Roman Bonislowski, architect with JPPRA. The inside will be completely remodeled to feature a large bar and two dining areas. The decor is inspired by the seafood and grill theme.

"It's a rather interesting approach with a lot of natural stone and woodwork," Bonislowski said.

Allen said he and Rocky began talking about a joint restaurant

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Jon "Bowzer" Bauman, formerly of Sha-Na-Na, shares a special, intimate serenade with 50s fest goer Vicky Maska of Warren during Saturday night's fun in the Entertainment Tent. Bowzer was one of many performers during the five day event.

Rockin' around the clock

200,000 rock at tenth annual Michigan 50s Festival

By JAN JEFFRES
 Staff Writer

"Return to a time when Marlon Brando could fit on a motorcycle. When Prince was a guy who married Grace Kelly, not who dressed like Grace Kelly..."

That's what Bowzer, aka, Jon Bauman, the former leader of Sha Na na, said Saturday night. Bowzer urged the crowd at the Michigan 50s Festival to escape from the 1990s, for a rendezvous with the 1950s.

Each July since 1988, Novi's done just that.

An estimated 200,000 turned out for last week's five-day event, which went off with few glitches, according to festival organizers.

"There were a few more people than in past years. It was very evident on Friday and Saturday night," said festival board president Bob McCann.

"I thought the shows were terrific."

It was a hot festival, in all meanings of the word.

Cindy Kopyczynski, coordinator of The Cruisers, a 60-member group of festival volunteers, said the thermometer on her deck reached 97 degrees on Saturday.

"The volunteers and all the people who enjoyed themselves, even with the heat and everything, that was a positive," festival manager Jane Thomas said Tuesday.

"We are very, very fortunate to have such hardworking volunteers. I think it was a big success."

While the final financial figures aren't in yet, the board's goal is to build a bandstand on Main Street. In the near future, results from a survey are expected to provide detailed demographics on the festival.

While the first 50s Festival was a disaster, things went so



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Courtney Brennan, 11, enjoys a quick twirl around in a poodle skirt Saturday afternoon in front of her dad's '60 Corvette.

smoothly this time, McCann said, that on the opening night last Wednesday, board members were both shocked and delighted when they realized there weren't any

last minute details to worry about.

Okay, all was not perfect. There was one big problem. Laura, the eight-foot-tall African elephant,

had an anxiety attack last Friday night. Not that she was rampaging through the Expo Center; it happened while she was in her travel-trailer.

Thomas said a festival-goer parked her car illegally in front of a garage door at the Expo Center. Laura was packed up and ready to go to another engagement, but her vehicle was blocked. After a fruitless search for the owner, the offending car was finally towed away.

"Laura got stuck for an hour and a half. She was getting anxious to get going," Thomas said.

Such prima donna behavior is to be expected from a star. Laura's film credits include "Ace Ventura - When Nature Calls."

Laura proved a popular attraction with adults and kids. The pachyderm was parked next to popcorn and ice cream vendor Mary Smith.

While Smith said her sales were down from previous years, she was enthusiastic of the event, especially the shifting of the Family Entertainment Tent to the outdoor midway, near the food. Young people seemed to enjoy flitting around the area on Saturday night, although the under-21 set was banned from the Entertainment Tent, where alcohol was served.

"It gave the food vendors the opportunity to have people go right by them. I think Jane Thomas did a wonderful job," Smith said.

Smith said her husband was partial to Laura.

"I fed her almonds. I didn't know that elephants slobbered," Smith added.

Speaking of soggy, Friday's ice cream social at the Novi Civic

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Novi's Main Street crosses the road

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

Aiming to change the entire look and feel of the Grand River Avenue and Novi Road corner, the City of Novi is ordering up a zoning change.

With plans for Novi's Main Street coming along, albeit slowly, the city wants to change the character of the surrounding property to match the downtown area.

"If we are to achieve more Main Street development... this is the way to do it otherwise we'll continue to get other types of development we see with the town center (zoning) which is attractive, but not based on Main Street development," explained Jim Wahl, planning director for the city of Novi.

The change to a Town Center - I zoning classification received a positive recommendation of 7-1 by the Novi Planning Commission this month and will head to the Novi City Council in August.

The rezoning affects 54 parcels

on the south side of Grand River, with 26 property owners among them. The city has ownership of two parcels, the two-acre Novi Cemetery and the primary Novi Fire Station on Grand River.

But while there's been no major opposition to the proposal, some of the property owners are concerned about what it means for them.

Jerry Leonard purchased his property next to the Fendt cement plant in the 1980s with the intention of building a storage facility. But before he built, the city changed the zoning in the mid-1980s leaving him unable to use the property as a warehouse. The change to a Main Street zoning could make it harder to sell the property. He's already had no success in selling.

"A cement plant and a warehouse get along just fine but now because of the TC and because I'm next to Fendt, nobody wants to buy it," Leonard said.

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

Thursday, July 31

Sounds of Summer

The Novi Parks and Recreation Department sponsors this series of summer concerts on the grass outside the Civic Center, on Ten Mile Road, at 7 p.m.

Monday, July 28

TOPS

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

Friday, August 1

Novi Theatres

The Storytellers is performed at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. For information, call 347-0040. Performances run through Sunday Aug. 3.

Monday, August 4

City Council

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

Health tests

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

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Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

Tuesday, August 5

Seniors meeting

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

Menopause Support Group

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

Board of Appeals

The Novi Board of Appeals will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Band rehearsal

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

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call 347-0040.

For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Amateur Radio Club

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0009.

Wednesday, August 6

Athletic Boosters

The Novi High School Athletic Boosters Club will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in room 107 of the high school.

Planning Commission

The Novi Planning Commission will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center.

Business Network International

The Farmington Hills chapter of The Business Network International, made up of members from 10 neighboring communities, meets at 7 a.m. at the Tollgate 4-11 Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, call 642-7725.

Thursday, August 7

Sounds of Summer

The Novi Parks and Recreation Department sponsors this series of summer concerts on the grass outside the Civic Center, on Ten Mile Road, at 7 p.m. The Novi Concert Band performs.

Novi schools

The Novi schools Board of Education will meet in regular session in the Educational Services Building.

Optimist Club

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



Photo by JOHN HEDGER

History marked

Alan Rothenberg, left, points out a unique aspect of the Knapp Cemetery on Nine Mile east of Novi Road to fellow historical commission member Dave Lassier. Last week, the city unveiled a historical marker at the cemetery, which dates from the mid-1800s, that notes some of its distinctive features. The cemetery, which includes a few Civil War Veteran's graves, was part of some property owned by Benajah Aldrich, Rothenberg noted. There is only one living descendant of the Aldrich family with claims to be legally buried there.

Rocky's coming to Novi

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five or six months ago and the opportunity to lease the building in Novi was something neither could pass up.

"It's a beautiful area. We're excited," he said. Allen said he will leave the Golden Mushroom to work full-time at the new place. He's been with that eatery for 15 years.

According to City of Novi staff planner Khanh Pham, the business is undergoing a liquor license transfer and is asking for access to Grand River Avenue. Currently, patrons must enter the Novi Town Center first to find entry into the establishment.

"Normally when you change ownership it's a pretty simple process," Pham said.

Fuddrucker's, a national restaurant chain specializing in hamburgers, was closed by owner Thomas Antoniou last month.



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Fuddrucker's will be replaced with fine dining.

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Schools get boost in funding

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

State legislators will average about a 4 percent more in state aid under a budget bill that finally cleared the Legislature July 3.

Biggest winners were Oakland University, up 5 percent; Central Michigan University, up 5.6 percent; and Grand Valley State University, up 8 percent.

Also faring above average were University of Michigan-Flint at 4.8 percent and Saginaw Valley at 4.4 percent.

The "big three" - University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Michigan State and Wayne State - were boosted 4.2 percent. Most other universities got a flat 4 percent, including U-M Dearborn.

There was a big promise for the future: "It is the legislative goal to achieve a \$4,500 per student funding floor for master level universities and a \$6,000 funding floor for doctoral level universities."

That should have given warm feelings to Eastern Michigan University, which last year was funded at \$4,195; Oakland University, at \$4,086; and University of Michigan-Dearborn, at \$4,135.

State lawmakers quickly adopted a \$1.55 billion budget bill. The Senate vote was 36-0 with two absent, and the House vote was 99-1 with 10 absent.

The lone protest came from Rep. David Jaye, R-Macomb County, who complained of "taxpayer paid programs for minority students only, including rich minorities and foreigners." He cited the Martin Luther King Select Student program at \$1.9 million and the "minority only advance technologies engineering tuition" line item at \$4 million.

There was evidence House Democrats were bearing down on the U-M Ann Arbor for admitting so many non-Michigan residents.

One section said: "The U-M Ann Arbor recognizes its responsibility to Michigan resident students. It is the intent of the university to recruit and admit qualified Michigan students, and to establish financial aid programs and scholarships to achieve a resident level of undergraduate enrollment of 70 percent."

Here are gross appropriations for some area universities:

- Oakland U, \$42.2 million.
- U-M Dearborn \$23.1 million.
- Eastern Michigan, \$76.1 million.
- Wayne State, \$223 million.
- U-M Ann Arbor, \$315 million.
- Michigan State, \$279 million.

Dropped from the final version was Sen. John J.H. Schwarz's, R-Battle Creek, pet item of \$1.5 million for public policy research - the effect of term limits on state government.

House members elected in 1992 are completing their third and final terms, and nearly 70 new faces are expected in the 110-member body Jan. 1, 1999. Senators elected in 1994 must leave in 2002.

Most of the \$1.55 billion will go directly to the 15 public universities.

Several items are for more general programs: \$56 million for agricultural extension and cooperative extension programs; \$2.7 million for the MLK and selected student support programs; and \$118 million for various scholarship, tuition grants, work-study and federally aided scholarship programs.

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EQUAL HOUSING LENDER

This Bud's for garage fridge raider

A white male with dark hair was seen running off with a refrigerator drawer full of beer, July 22, in Chase Farms.

Police said the homeowner on Wheaton reported the incident which occurred about 11 p.m. The garage was open, police said, and several bottles of Budweiser were missing. A witness saw the suspect hop into a dark-colored Camaro and drive away.

HOUSE RANSACKED

Nothing was stolen from a home on Tuscany Court, July 18, but unknown suspects kicked in the inside garage door and ransacked the bedroom of the home some time during the day, police said they are unable to determine how the suspects gained entrance into the closed garage.

COUPONS GIVEN

Free 7-Eleven Shurpee coupons were given to a group of kids during the Greenwood Oaks Subdivision party July 26.

Police said the residents were happy to see positive community involvement by the Novi Police Department.

SKUNKED

The neighbor of a Pavilion Court Apartment resident called police when she saw someone climbing in the bedroom window, July 23. Police responded to the scene and were told by the 24-year-old resident he had climbed through

Police News

the window because a skunk was sitting on his front porch by the door.

NO LICENSE

Novi Police ticketed a 15-year-old Novi boy for driving a moped without registration, a license and a helmet, July 24.

According to the report, the teen was seen driving down Novi Road without a helmet and was stopped by police. He said his helmet, plate and license were at home, but police said records showed no license.

The officers drove the teen home, but no parents were present. He became belligerent toward the officers and swore at them. The officers took the teen to the station until his parents could pick him up.

TRUCK MIX-UP

A Ford F-150 was involved in a mix-up July 24 after the owner reported it stolen and the owner's son lent it out to a friend.

Police alerted area units of the stolen vehicle after the owner told them it was stolen from his son's driveway on Arizona, Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies picked up the vehicle that day. It was driven by a friend of the son's who said she

gave him as he and his wife drove 25 m.p.h. on South Lake Road that night. The Explorer flashed its lights and then drove around the man's car on the shoulder of the road, sideswiping the vehicle and driving off.

The man followed the driver to Wolverine Lake where police there pulled the man, who appeared intoxicated, over. The officer said the man did not remember being involved in a hit-and-run. Novi Police responded to the site and administered sobriety tests to the man, who failed them. At the Novi Police Station, police said he registered a 0.19 blood alcohol level. He was arrested for drunk driving.

DEATH INVESTIGATION

Novi Police are investigating a suicide at the Pavilion Court Apartments, July 25.

According to the report, 25-year-old Renee Marek was found dead by her 36-year-old boyfriend after the two had a short disagreement and then parted ways. Police said the boyfriend told them he left the apartment, went to a couple bars and then spent the night at his business.

When he came home the next morning, he found his girlfriend dead. Police said a broken vase and broken light switch were found in the apartment. Three possible suicide notes were also found.

Police said the Oakland County Medical Examiners Office ruled the death a suicide.

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

Novi Briefs

Woman accused of false report

Novi Police are looking to file charges against a 43-year-old Northville woman for filing a false police report July 13.

The woman told police a white male with long blond hair snatched her purse from her shoulder outside Vic's Market in Novi that day. She said she was returning to her vehicle when she felt the man grab her shoulder and take the purse. He then ran to a black Escort, where a second person drove him away in the car.

According to Chief Douglas Shaeffer, the woman made up the story to explain a long absence to her husband. "No crime occurred," Shaeffer said. Shaeffer said the crime of filing a false report is a felony.

Post Office Celebration

The Novi Post Office is set to celebrate the recent remodeling of the Novi Road building into a postal service store. Local dignitaries and postal officials will hold an official Grand Opening on August 5 beginning at 9:30 a.m. with an open house for the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Senior Olympics set for August

Athletes over 50 are invited to compete in the Michigan Senior Olympics Oakland County Regional Division.

The Olympics are set for Aug. 21 and 22 in the Southfield area. Events include basketball, cycling, track and field, racing, tennis and volleyball. Other events include baking, arts and crafts and a euchre tournament.

"The competition is an avenue for those over 50 to compete and test their personal best," Bill Sharp, Michigan Senior Olympics executive director, said. "Activity leads to a better quality of life and the Senior Olympics encourages individuals to take responsibility for their health."

Open to individuals age 50 or older by Dec. 31, the competition will take place at Lawrence Technological Center, Southfield Civic Center and Southfield Lathrup High School.

The entry fee of \$15/person includes a T-shirt and dinner on Thursday evening. One event fee, T-shirt and dinner is \$10/person.

Oakland County Senior Olympics strongly recommends each participant consult his/her doctor with regard to practice, preparation and competition.

Registration packets are available from Oakland County Parks and Recreation, Senior Olympics, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328-1917. Entry deadline is Aug. 15 with no on-site registration.

The event is sponsored by Oakland County Parks and Recreation. For further information, contact Sandy Dorey at (248) 858-7596, TDD (248) 858-1684 or visit the Oakland County Parks website at www.co.oakland.mi.us

The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending July 27. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, JULY 21

Medical, 41677 Sleepy Hollow, 7:24 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 22515 Sheridan, 10:01 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 22502 Mansion Court, 10:36 a.m., Squad 3.
Building fire, Georgetown Lot 27, 10:55 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Wire down, 23700 E. LeBost,

1:14 p.m., Engine 3.
Gas leak, 29890 Rousseau, 3:07 p.m., Engine 2.
Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Meadowbrook, 9:01 p.m., Squad 1.

TUESDAY, JULY 22

Electrical fire, Ten Mile and Novi roads, 6:23 a.m., Engine 1.
Wires down, Ten Mile and CSX Railroad, 6:53 a.m., Engine 1.
Medical, 22052 Edgewater, 5:11 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 27600 Novi Road, 5:57 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

House fire, 29725 Shert Drive,

9:28 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
Medical, 48150 Grand River, 9:37 a.m., Squad 3.
Medical, 40000 Eight Mile Road, 3:19 p.m., Squad 3.
Vehicle fire, 22126 Beck Road, 3:21 p.m., Engine 4.
Injury accident, Twelve Oaks Rear Lot, 7:07 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, Novi and Old Novi Road, 8:42 p.m., Squad 2.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

Medical, 41677 Sleepy Hollow, 2:32 a.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 50610 Montana, 1:14 p.m., Squad 4.
Gas line leak, 21610 Center,

4:25 p.m., Engine 3.
Fuel spill, 43420 Twelve Mile Road, 6:28 p.m., Engine 2.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

Medical, 24240 Kingspointe, 12:43 a.m., Squad 1.
Electrical fire, 47087 Grand River, 6:37 a.m., Engine 4.
Service, 39585 Blakeston, 8 a.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 50763 Arizona, 8:05 a.m., Squad 4.
Service, 24299 Weatherwane Court, 11:38 a.m., Squad 4.
Investigation, 43436 West Oaks, 2:06 p.m., Engine 1.
Medical, Novi High School Park-

ing, 2:17 p.m., Squad 3.
Medical, JCPenny's-Twelve Oaks, 2:50 p.m., Squad 1.
Fire alarm, 41273 Coventry, 7:49 p.m., Engine 3.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

House fire, Marks Drive and Phillip, 5:51 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
Investigation, 40252 Jefferson, 5:56 a.m., Engine 2.
Wire down, 23860 E. LeBost, 6:27 a.m., Engine 3.
Investigation, 43700 Expo Center, 6:33 a.m., Engine 1.
Wire down, 2014 Austin Drive, 8:28 a.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 22955 Trailside, 11:01

a.m., Squad 3.
Fuel spill, 43420 Twelve Mile Road, 12:28 p.m., Engine 2.
Medical, 29898 Rousseau, 5:45 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 24500 Meadowbrook, 5:53 p.m., Squad 1.
Medical, 43066 Covese, 6:40 p.m., Squad 3.
Stand by, 27500 Novi Road, 8:21 p.m., Response 515.
Medical, 45655 Timberlane, 8:42 p.m., Squad 2.
Medical, 43700 Expo Center, 10:45 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Medical, 43455 Ten Mile Road,

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Plans for lake development clear council table

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 zoning. Built on one acre each will be 43, \$1 million-range houses around the lake.
 "Forty-three out of 876 lots does not seem to me to be a significant position," Council Member Robert Schmidt said, an opinion echoed by Council Members Richard Clark and Bob Mittel.
 Weiner disagreed, contending that the homes will be prominently placed in the development.
 "We think it visually meets the test... What you see when you see this body of water are these large homes," Weiner said.
 At the underlying zoning, not allowing for unbuildable protected wetlands, some 610 homes could be built on the 800 acres. The area plan permits a density increase of better than 36 percent.
 The developers originally proposed 1,010 homes on the 900 acres, but that's since been whittled down.

In addition, 100 of the acres are expected to change hands when purchased for the new Novi Middle School, a future elementary school and a city park.
 In December 1994, the city entered into a purchase agreement with Delta to buy the 93 acres for \$1.67 million, or about \$18,000 per acre. Weiner said the firm believes the land is now worth from \$45,000 to \$50,000 an acre. With the homes that could be built on the 93 acres, he told the council the firm is making a \$2.5 million to \$3 million contribution to Novi.
 "We're happy to make that commitment to the community but we think it should be taken into account when you review our plan," he told the council prior to the vote.
 However, when it sells off the 93 acres Harvest is not losing the

homes it could have built there. The company retains them in the form of 74 extra homes it will be able to build on its remaining property.
 Not long after the 1994 purchase agreement was signed, Harvest began planning the future development. Weiner said he began meeting with each of the planning commissioners and council members "not to influence them, not to get their vote, but to find out their interests and how they could support our development plans."
 But support wasn't forthcoming from Mittel. He unsuccessfully attempted to get the council to pass a motion calling for one-acre lots adjacent to existing homes next to Harvest Lake, including homes on Dinsler Drive and in the Birchwoods subdivision.
 "I'm concerned about what it may do to the neighbors that have been there for many, many years.

These people have lived adjacent to R-A zoned land and expected it would be R-A development," Mittel said.
 Mittel also said that he was disappointed that a road will be built through a significant woodlands area.
 "One of the big selling points of the development was its supposed to be pro-environment, yet that road cuts right through the woods," he added.
 Schmidt found it difficult to believe a traffic study that concluded that the extra homes would not increase traffic in the area.
 "Common sense tells me when you add 225 homesites over and above what you could have, that does substantially increase trip patterns and traffic and substantially increases the impact on the roads," Schmidt said.
 Schmidt called the Harvest Lake area plan "a developer's paradise."

"This developer will tell you he's doing it for the good of Novi. Heaney, he's doing it for the good of the developer," Schmidt said.
 "This developer is making his profits. Too bad the city is allowing him to do that."
 The unclosed land deal also left some council members concerned. While Weiner said there are no outstanding title issues, the firm has "taken a consistent position since 1995 that we did not want to incur post-closing title liability."
 McLellan said she was frustrated the title issue was not resolved. The city and school district will not gain the mineral rights to the land, but Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson said he couldn't yet advise the council to close on the land.
 "The frustration you feel now is nothing in comparison to the frustration you would feel three years from now if someone wanted to use the city park property or the

school property for surface access to minerals," Watson said.
 The city and school signed in June a new purchase agreement for the land, but Harvest Lake hasn't. Schmidt said that's because the firm was waiting for the area plan approval, which then permits it to count the future school and city property for housing credits.
 Weiner characterized that as "an incomplete interpretation."
 Kramer said that if the city and school district don't get the 93 acres, the city can withhold final approval of the RUD contract.
 "We have a control point, that's the agreement to sign the contract for the RUD," Kramer said.
 That's expected to come before the council within the next 30 days.
 "If there's a hiccup, if the school doesn't close, you can say, sorry, we won't sign the RUD contract," Weiner agreed.

MICHIGAN 50S FESTIVAL

Boys scout trash for fun and profit

By JAN JEFFRES Staff Writer

You want to talk trash, find yourself a Boy Scout.
 A Novi Troop 407 scout, to be precise. For four years now, members of the troop, their leaders, parents and friends have been the clean-up squad for the Michigan 50s Festival.

CAN YOU HELP?

Troop 407 is in definite need of a new scoutmaster. Paul Kemp is not the scoutmaster, he's one of several leaders. "A good scoutmaster works 20 to 25 hours a week. They have to like working with boys. They have to like the outdoors and camping. What we need is 30- to 35-year-old former Eagle Scout who is single and wants to do the job," he said. Call Kemp at 349-4184.

This is one big job. Not only is it a non-stop emptying and relining garbage cans throughout the Novi Expo Center site, it's rounding up all the junk on the floor each festival night with leaf blowers, then scooping it all away. It's also maintenance all day long, so the place looks pretty.
 "We have a little broom and dustpan like they do at Cedar Point," said troop leader Paul Kemp.
 The Boy Scouts took over the contract from a private clean-up firm earlier employed by the fest. They get a flat fee of \$2,500, plus

the returns on any bottles and cans they collect. This nets another \$4,000 to \$5,000.
 In addition, they can keep any money they discover, but usually that's no more than a few bucks.
 This is the Scouts' only fund raiser of the year. When they sell M & M's or collect cans, the money goes into a fund that individual boys can tap into to help subsidize camping and other costs.
 All kinds of scouting activities

and equipment, including a caving excursion in Indiana, are financed by these hard days during the festival. Recently, the troop spent \$1,200 on four new tents.
 Not only do the scouts clean the exterior festival area, but they also tackle the interior of the Novi Expo Center.
 "After the front doors close, everything is total cleanup," Kemp said.
 "It stinks. If you can imagine a a

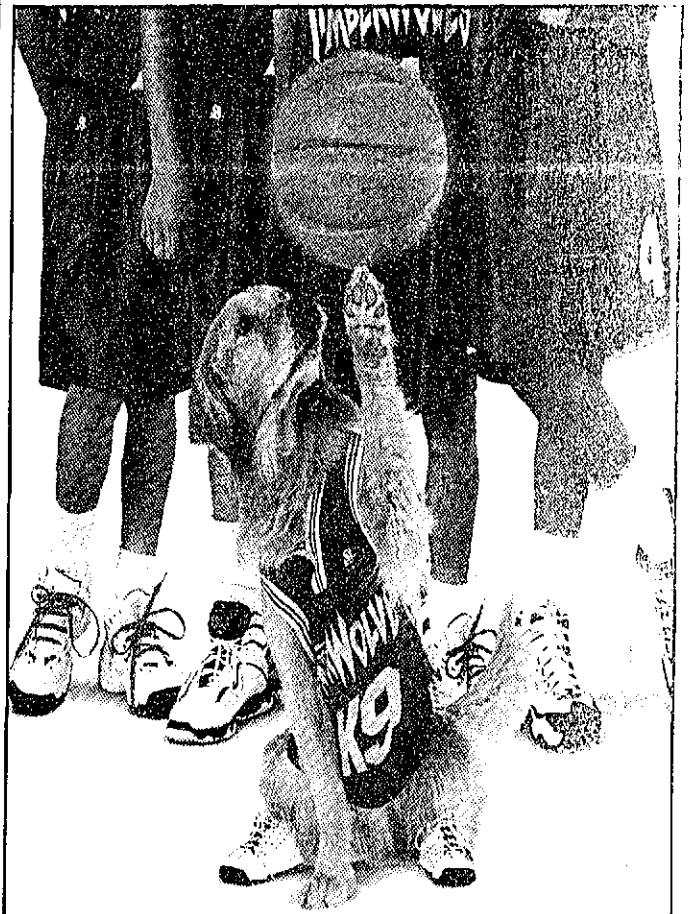
can of pop sitting in the hot sun all day, or a half-eaten piece of corn dog, it gets pretty gawky."
 At 63, Kemp calls himself the world's oldest Boy Scout. He put in 70 hours of work during the five-day festival. On Sunday alone, Kemp was on the job for a staggering 9 a.m. to 3:30 a.m. day.
 Festival vendors frequently offer food and pop to the scouts.
 Vendor Mary Smith, who said she was totally impressed with Kemp's dedication, kept the scouts supplied with ice cream over the hot days last weekend.
 "Some of the vendors appreciate the fact that we keep the front of their booths clean," Kemp explained.
 Working with all that garbage apparently can really work up an appetite.
 Along with some final sanitizing of 80 some trash cans at the Expo Center on Monday night, the troop held a pizza party.

Novi Police report good behavior

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

The crowd didn't get too rowdy and the entertainers managed to keep control during the Michigan 50s Festival over the weekend.
 Five days of partying netted only a few arrests and incidents, according to Novi Police.
 "It went pretty well," said Chief Douglas Shaeffer. "We made a couple of arrests Thursday night, one was we found this guy with misde-

meanor warrants out of Detroit and we made a drunk driving arrest."
 Novi Police gave three people rides home during the event. An officer took two men to a home in Royal Oak and another officer took a Novi resident to his citation. Club home so he wouldn't drive home drunk.
 In addition, someone stole the wallet of one of the band members in the backstage dressing room, Shaeffer said.
 "The crowds were good and well behaved from a police perspective," he added.
 A 35-year-old Redford man was cited for possession of marijuana after a bike patrol officer noticed him rolling a cigarette in his car. Shaeffer said the bike patrol is an asset to the city.



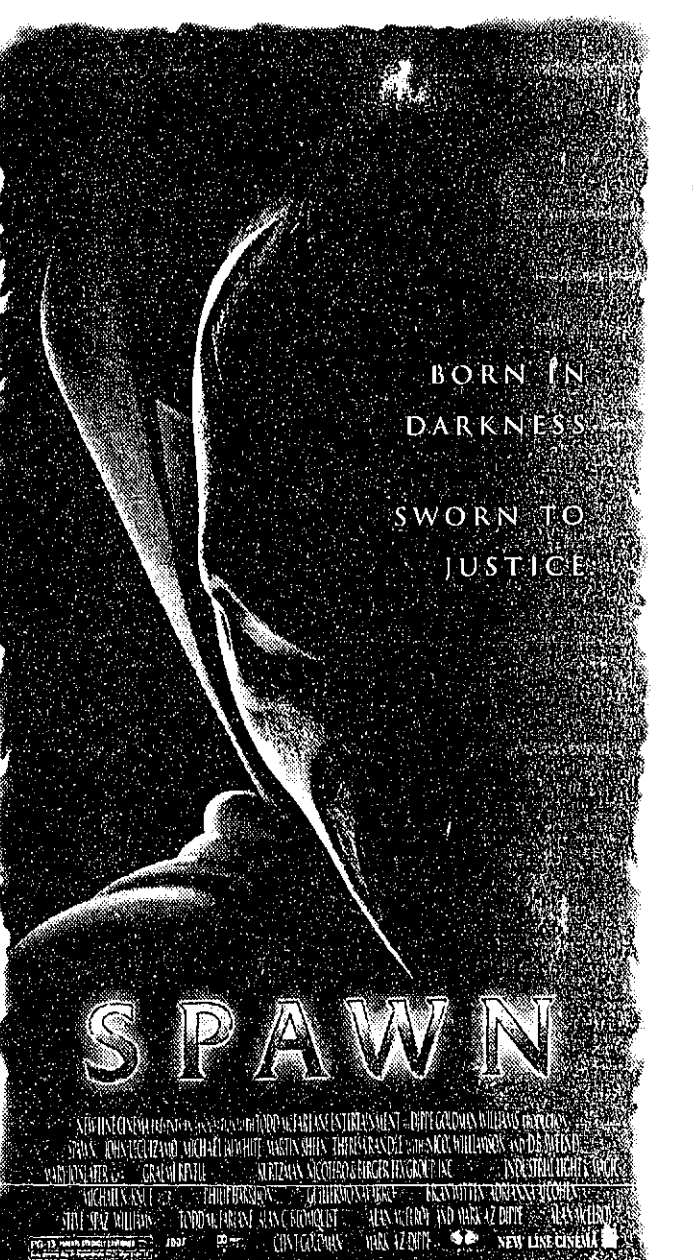
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A couple works it out on the dance floor during Saturday night's fun in the Entertainment tent. Photo by JOHN HEIDER



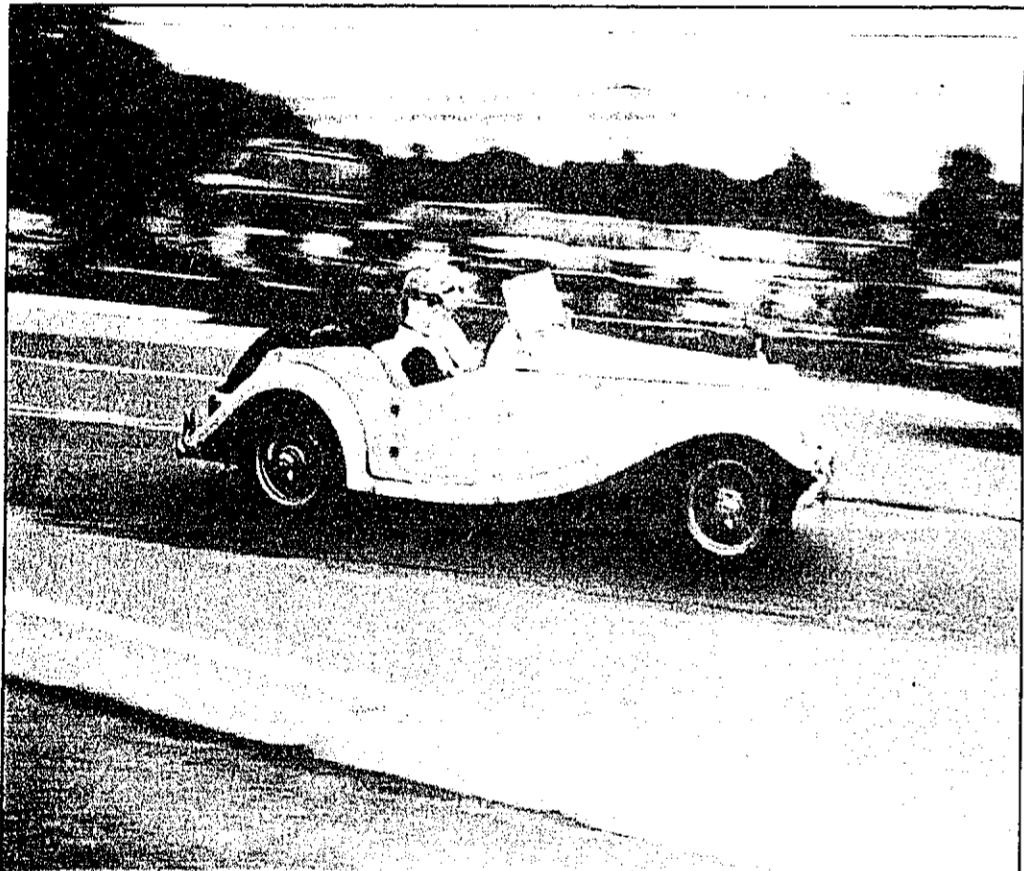
Enthusiastic 50s Festival attendee George Paxson of Livonia shouts along with other dancers as Rocky and the Rollers play "Twist and Shout" during Saturday night's fun. Photo by JOHN HEIDER

At the Hop

50s festival attendees eat, drink, sing and dance the day and night away



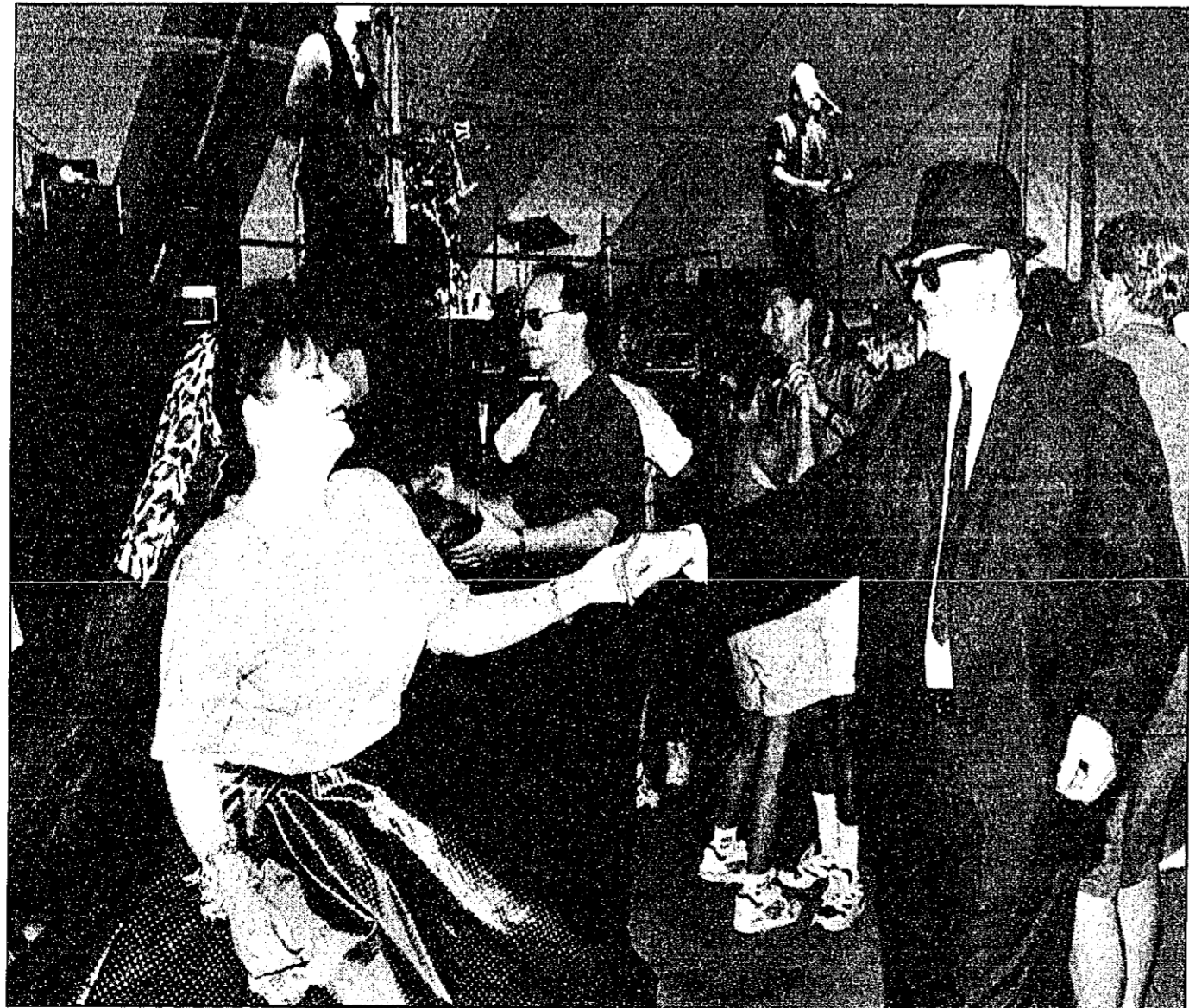
Decked out in 50s' attire, Shane Gruber, of Novi's Tollgate Cloggers dance outfit, awaits his turn to get back on the Family Stage Friday night at the festival at the Novi Expo Center. Photo by JOHN HEIDER



Cars of all shapes and sizes zoomed around Novi during the Classic Car Cruise. Photo by THOMAS R. HIBBELN



One of the Shirelles pumps up the crowd. Submitted photo by BARB ORTO



Kathleen Hart and Bill Mumaw dance the night away in the spirit of the 50s Fest with poodle skirt and Blues Brothers garb. Photo by HAL GOULD

MICHIGAN 50S FESTIVAL



Allen Henton, 13, of Garden City, checks out the engine on a 1969 Chevy Camaro Z28 during the festival's Classic Car Cruise. Photo by THOMAS R. HIBBELN

Rockin' around the Clock

Another fest success



Doo Wop Fashions was just one of the many vendors present. Submitted photo by BARB ORTO

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Center was a dripping success. "We got rid of everything. We had 6,500 ice creams. We had Bugs Bunny. We had great rides. A puppet show," said Tom Marcus, who organized the event for the Downtown Merchants Association.

"The big thing is for people to go in those stores and say 'thank you,'" he added.

Marcus, who is looking for someone to take over the job for him next year, said he had a incredible volunteer team, mainly of senior citizens. But he couldn't resist taking a dig at a restaurant-owning buddy.

"All we saw Frank Maisano do is ride around in the golf cart," Marcus said. "Also on Friday, another star proved to be far from a prima donna. When the driver for Doris Jackson, of the Shirelles, didn't hook up with the singer at the airport, she found her own way to Novi."

For McCann the highlight of the event for him was a private Shirelles concert, in their dressing room before the performance. The women were in the mood to sing some gospel music.

"I said, 'do you mind if I stay?' I stayed there for ten minutes to listen to all three of them sing a

capella gospel music," McCann said.

McCann, strictly a volunteer, chauffeured many of the entertainers. He estimated he put in 150 hours of work for the event last week.

"I got 18 hours of sleep in that amount of time. You keep going on adrenalin. It's just so much fun. You keep going or you'll fall down," he added.

Saturday saw a second performance by Bowzer and former Hermit Peter Noone on stage, as well as a spectacular fireworks show provided by Twelve Oaks Mall on Saturday night.

Noone, who's not lacking in experience with crowds, guessed his audience was in the 11,000 to 12,000 range.

Sunday was the Classic Car Show and the Grand River Cruise. Novi Police Chief Doug Shaeffer helped organize the car show.

About 1,000 classic cars showed up, Thomas estimated.

"It wasn't a bad festival at all. The cruise went pretty well," Shaeffer said.

"I had to keep myself hydrated. I bet I drank two gallons of water on Sunday."

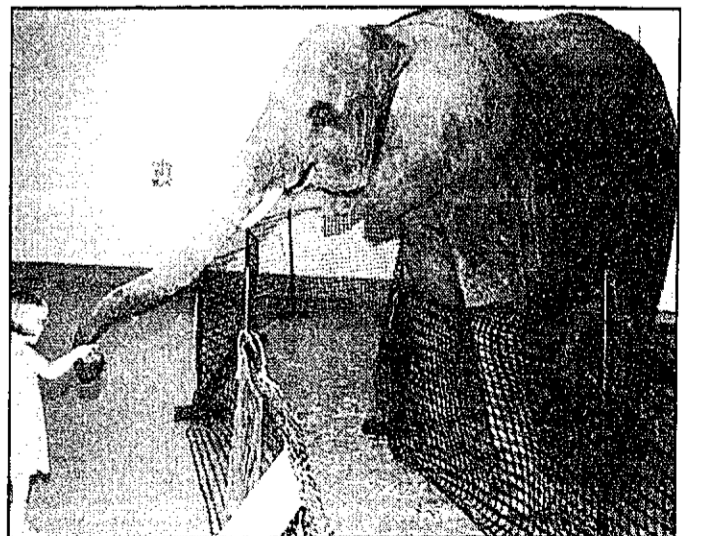
Meanwhile, the festival board is already working on next year. Hey, hey, Thomas is eyeing The Monkees ...



This little guy tries his luck at a vendor's jukebox display. Submitted photo by BARB ORTO



Youngsters join "Max the Moose" on the Family Stage during Saturday's 50s Fest and try to make a few funny faces. Photo by JOHN HEIDER



Laura the elephant was a main attraction for kids and adults. Submitted photo by BARB ORTO

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FCC addresses local issues



Caren Collins

We've heard a lot lately about the FCC and the decisions it makes which impact us locally. But how can a bureau in Washington, D.C. know the needs and best interest of our community? That's the exact question that led to the formation of the FCC Local and State Government Advisory Committee, a group of mayors, representatives, senators, governors and other elected officials across the country. The mayor of Dearborn, Michael Guido, sits on this committee.

Although the committee was developed earlier this year, it released its first advisory recommendation, a policy statement on State and Local Rights-of-Way and Telecommunications Service Competition this month. Here it is:

"The committee believes the FCC's action in creating the committee is a major step toward developing a constructive dialogue between the FCC and state and local governments. The FCC is currently considering many individual petitions by various telecommunications companies and trade associations to preempt state and local control of rights-of-way. The committee expresses its commitment to work closely with the FCC Commissioners and staff as they review the various petitions. To begin that process, the committee today adopts the following statement of principles that it recommends the commission incorporate as petitions and issues develop before the FCC.

First Principles

- State and local governments are trustees of the public's rights-of-way. Rights-of-way are real estate property rights of substantial economic value and interest to local communities. The public has a right to fair compensation for occupancy and use of its property.
- The FCC is responsible for setting national standards and rules governing the conduct of the interstate telecommunication marketplace to assure fair and open competition that favors neither incumbents nor new entrants.
- State, local and FCC officials share the common goal of bringing true and effective competition in telecommunications services to all our citizens as quickly as possible while minimizing the adverse effects on other essential community needs, costs and interests.
- The FCC should not be tempted to act to preempt state and local governments unnecessarily. States and local governments should recognize the urgency of telecommunications deregulation and work under appropriate deadlines to make their decisions.
- The 1996 Telecommunications Act defined the balance between federal and state and local responsibilities in telecommunications. That law designates the FCC as the primary entity responsible for rules and regulations related to the entry into and the offering of interstate telecommunications. The same law designates states and local governments as the primary entities responsible for rules and regulations related to telecommunications service providers entry into, compensation for use of, and behavior in the public's rights-of-way.

The new world of competitive telecommunications presents all levels of government in the federal system with novel questions that require careful and collegial consideration. The FCC brings unique

expertise in the technologies at business operations of telecommunication companies. State and local governments bring unique expertise in the evaluation and operation of multiple uses of the public's rights-of-way. The FCC and state and local governments should assume the mutual burden of educating the other parties in their respective areas of expertise. Regulation, preemption, and formal legal action against another level of government should be the last, not the first, recourse to resolve conflicting interests.

- Right-of-way disputes between telecommunications companies and local governments should be resolved in local jurisdictions. The FCC should avoid adopting broad policy statements or decisions that implicate other matters of state and local interests such as cable television network design without first having full and complete dialogue with the committee.
- Committee Actions
- The committee is prepared to meet with an appropriate delegation of industry representatives to explore areas on rights-of-way issues pertaining to state and local governments.
- The committee is prepared to participate in the development of suggestions to "level the playing field" to require incumbent operators pay compensation for rights-of-way that embody fair valuation. The committee asks that the commission work with the committee on possible actions the commission might take to achieve the result that incumbent operators accept fair and modern valuation for use of the public's rights-of-way."

Caren A. Collins is the Executive Director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission. The next CAC meeting is Sept. 9, at 7 p.m. The next SWOCC meeting is Sept. 30, at 7 p.m.

As We See It

Well-run July festivals showcase City of Novi

Can this town throw a party, or what?

Locals who took advantage of two recent fun opportunities may be ready to stay home and just relax this weekend.

First, we had the Novi International Bluesfest on July 18-20. Then the tenth annual Michigan 50s Festival on July 23-27. Both took over the Novi Expo Center and cleverly shared tents, tables and chairs.

Now, Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall is talking about making it a virtual month-long spree, with the addition of a Country-Western Festival.

Each event was great in its own way. The Bluesfest from Windsor crossed the border, bringing some incredible performers. The fifties festival, as always, was a major crowd-pleasing mix of family fun and rock and rollers.

With all these people swarming into town - including the 200,000 crowd estimate for the Michigan 50s Festival - the traffic was amazingly under control. So was the crowd, which was very well-behaved. Those who weren't were quietly whisked away by local police officers, who patrolled the scene in uniform and plainclothes.

Festival planning in Novi clearly is becoming an art form.

So what's in all this for the average resident? The obvious thing is that locals didn't have to travel very far to see significant entertainment for two weekends this summer.

The Michigan 50s Festival, of course, has a track record of donating back to the community. Their next big gift will be a bandstand for Main Street.

But the event also helps out civic

organizations, like the Novi Chamber of Commerce, the Novi Rotary and the Boy Scouts. Many groups look to the fifties festival as one of their major fund raisers of the year.

Also important is the way so many local people, most of them volunteers, work together to make it all happen. This is what builds a community, as opposed to a municipality.

It's easy to see the advantage of the two major festivals for local businesses like hotels, restaurants and shops when literally hundreds of thousands of people swarm into town. But their sales also translate into a good thing for local taxpayers, because a solvent business presumably won't be clamoring for a tax break at the Board of Review.

Nothing succeeds like success. With the festivals enhancing Novi's already bright reputation, it's not unlikely other interesting entertainment opportunities may follow. Already, there's talk of an unnamed philanthropist interested in building a major performing arts theater here.

Special kudos go to Twelve Oaks Mall, by the way, for the fantastic fireworks display on last Saturday night. What a great gift to the community. All those shooting stars in green, magenta and silver more than made up for any traffic annoyances endured during the Christmas shopping season.

In the future, it'll be interesting to see if Kriewall's scheme to turn Novi into Nashville for the weekend pans out.

And then what? A stately Classicalist International? The Michigan Reggae Festival? Lollapa-novi? Wait and see.

Can't you hear the heartbeats



Jan Jeffres

Novi resident Fred McMann doesn't know this, but he was a second choice for his wife, Jan McMann, who's an advertising sales rep for The Novi News. Actually, as a preteen she planned to marry Peter Noone, Herman of Herman's Hermits, when she grew up.

The difficulty was, she never met him. Until last weekend.

When I found out Noone was one of the lead acts for the Michigan 50s Festival, I thought, wouldn't it be fun to get Jan McMann to see him? It would be a legitimate news story. I could interview Herman. I mean Peter Noone, and she could carry my paper and pen for me, as an editorial assistant.

Last Thursday, when I was helping out at the Novi News booth at the festival, Novi's Public Information Director Lou Martin zipped by in a golf cart with a new goatee - Lou has the new goatee, not the golf cart. He immediately became a co-conspirator in the plan and arranged things with festival president Bob McMann.

Meanwhile, our receptionist Gina Mathews was feeling left out. While Gina actually had a childhood crush on the toothsome Donny Osmond, she's an enthusiastic sort who's more than willing to fall madly in love with any male celebrity who finds his way to Novi. Besides, I owed her one. With much care, Gina set up our 50s Festival booth. And I mucked it up by rearranging the velcro-backed letters so that instead of Novi News, they read *Vino Scent*. Now, I had two assistants for this assignment.

Lou told us we could probably see Peter Noone around 5 p.m., after he did a sound check with his

backup band. Ask him why his parents didn't name him Peter Eleven-thirty, Martin suggested.

So there we were Saturday, standing in the sweltering heat outside the Entertainment Tent, checking every five minutes with 50s Festival Cruiser leader Cindy Kopycynski for an update on our interview time.

Gina was well-prepared. She came with her celebrity close-encounter kit, which includes not one but two, indelible ink pens for autographs, a camera, a tape recorder, two new 50s Festival tee-shirts for a Noone to sign and a milkweed album from her basement, "The Best of Herman's Hermits."

I decided Jan M. and Gina could do the interview, while I took the notes. The two of them had scrawled down a list of questions, but I was a little apprehensive. You know the stereotype about dizzy blondes? Saturday, these two fit it to a tee.

Finally, we heard the renowned Herman voice soaring out during the sound check. After Bob McMann walked Peter Noone to a radio booth for an on-air interview, we were instructed to follow them to the Entertainment Tent.

As the giddy girlfriends and I trailed after the two, Gina took a rear-view photograph.

"Peter has the cutest little behind," she explained. Funny what people focus on. Festival manager Jane Thomas, on the other hand, noticed Peter Noone had the "bluest blue eyes."

So we did the interview. Exhibited incredible composure, as did Peter Noone. He was good-natured, funny and indulgent of demands for autographs from Gina and Jan. Well, sort of. When we had our picture taken with Peter, she grabbed him around the waist much tighter than strictly necessary.

Reporter Jan Jeffres has interviewed Peter Noone, Barbara Bush and Jack Kevorkian for The Novi News.

Math doesn't compute

Novi has long had a reputation, deservedly or not, as a city that's tough on developers.

After this week's approval of the area plan for Harvest Lake Land Company, the city's gone a long way towards rehabilitating that image. While Council Member Bob Schmid's characterization of the scenario as a "developer's paradise" may be a little stretched, it was Christmas in July for Harvest Lake.

Not because the council majority gave the developers extra housing units to compensate for the presence of a manmade lake they created and don't ever want to build on. Not because they compensated the developer with extra housing units for selling 93 acres to the city and school district.

All of this is dubious, but the council's new residential unit development ordinance, flawed to begin with, permits it. If the project is evaluated using the RUD legislation, then the council's pretty much obliged to hand over the density credits.

Where it became that developer's paradise is that the new ordinance requires that a significant amount of the housing in a RUD must be based on the underlying zoning. In this case, the zoning is residential-agricultural, triggering one-acre lots.

In its \$400- to \$500-million subdivision, Harvest will build 43, \$1 million-type homes around its lake. That's 43 out of 876 housing units. Harvest argued that because the 43 will be the largest and priciest homes, as well as the most visible because of the lake position, that meets the ordinance.

Astoundingly, the council majority - Mayor Kathleen McAllen, Mayor Pro Tem Hugh Crawford and Council Members Kathy Mutch and Ed Kramer - bought into this. They agreed that 4.9 percent built at the underlying zoning is a significant amount. Scary, isn't it?

The concept behind the RUD is to preserve environmental features. When the amount of regulated land is subtracted from the open space untouched by the clustered Harvest Lake development, 13 percent of upland woodlands, meadows and other land will be saved.

Meanwhile, the density of the project is increased better than 36 percent over what is permitted under the current zoning.

Those in the minority, Schmid and Council Members Rob Mitzel and Richard Clark could have argued until they were blue in the face that the area plan doesn't even meet the city's own generous ordinance. This was a done deal.

Mitzel attempted to pass a motion that would have required one-acre lots next to the homeowners with multiple-acre lots on Dinsler Drive and the Birchwood subdivision. But it was a lost cause.

Maybe it wouldn't hurt if the council majority enrolled in a remedial math class, where they can learn stuff like five percent of a whole is not such a significant slice.

Otherwise, they must be just as generous with other developers. If not, they could be accused of exhibiting untoward favoritism for Harvest Lake Land Company.

In Focus

By John Heider



Herman-mania Peter, Jan, Gina and Jan chaf a while before the party began

Where did all the shops go?

I've watched this city grow since I was five years old. When I moved to Meadowbrook Glens it was one of the newer subs. The only shopping center in town was the strip mall near my house and Twelve Oaks Mall.

It was all small business before the big chain stores moved into West Oaks and the Novi Town Center.

Not too many people can remember the businesses that used to serve Novi. But I met the new Novi Youth Assistance counselor last week and she began asking me whatever happened to this, whatever happened to that.

I don't know where too many of the old stores went. Brown's Drugs used to be located where Rite Aid is now on Ten Mile Road. The owner moved then came back to open Novi Drugs across the street.

Next to the old drugstore was TG&Y where my friend Katie and I used to go to buy ten cent toys and \$1 pastel clip-on earrings. Farmer Jacks used to be A&P.

And the Twist n' Shake was Cone Zone, decked out in red and white. It's where the neighborhood kids walked to on hot days and my parks and rec soccer teams celebrated, win or lose, with vanilla cones with sprinkles.

More recently, Erwin Farms with its farm market feel of fresh fruit and vegetables left town and sold the business for what will become Walgreen's. That leaves Anne Quinn-Walling of Orphan Annie's coffee and doughnuts and the hair salon next to it out in the cold this winter. Joe's Tailor already moved to Farmington Hills.

I'm not sure why the stores I grew up with left, but I know why Joe's moved out and why many other businesses in Novi are fearing they'll have to relocate outside of the borders.

Many of the stores and shops here for years owned by local people can't afford the high-priced real estate and leases within the city if they are forced to move from their locations.

With the larger national chain stores moving in and eating up space, there's not much room for the oldies.

Another natural reason some business owners are worried is the way the city is changing and growing. But two landowners at the Novi Road and Grand River area told me recently they're afraid the high taxes and rezoning in the city will push them out.

I hope and think the city understands the need to comfort the people who've helped this city to grow. These businesses deserve just as much attention from planners, officials and even the public patronage as the big box stores and large developments. They, just like the newer, larger chains, make up the heart of old and new Novi.

Wendy Piern Mitzel is a staff writer for The Novi News.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Don't bash Native Americans

To the editor:

Issues of inequality between natives and non-natives are discussed by Tim Richard in his recent column "A justice system double standard." Editor's note: the headline in The Novi News read "Native Americans have our rules." I agree the current system supports a double standard with regards to casinos, tribal courts, tax exemptions, and scholarships; especially in the case of a couple injured by an allegedly negligent tribal officer responding without lights or siren to a non-emergency. But aside from this last case of physical harm done to others; I take the opposite perspective and view the "Double Standard" of our systems as justice.

As a non-native, my position had to be clarified by stories, movies, and books such as "Black Elk Speaks" and "The Saga of Chief Joseph." I would recommend them to Mr. Richard and the politicians he supports. Perhaps from another vantage point they may see a group of people who only took what was many years ago a negative and turned it into a positive for themselves.

Mr. Richard notes in reference to Gov. Engler's perspective "that the needy and able should get student aid regardless of whether their ancestors arrived via Ellis Island or the Bering Strait." How many hundreds of years passed between the Native's arrival and the arrival of imperialism? More importantly what did they do when they got here? Who dominated and subjected whom, creating treaties which eventually resulted in tribal council courts, different tax laws, scholarship preferences, and casinos?

From what I have seen, Native groups do not demand apologies or reparations. On the contrary, they were the best of the hand they were dealt and are then demonized in the media because of falling far short of a perfect world, most people take every advantage that comes their way.

Why are the Native groups faulted for this? We seem doomed to this warped perspective of "us versus them."

The citizens of Metro-Detroit see the "Native American" run casinos and the casino across the river and say "Gotta have it." From my perspective these imperialist gamblers should back off their "colonization" of Detroit and leave the monopoly on casinos in Michigan to Native groups.

Is this a "double standard"? Yes! Is it also justice? I think so; perhaps of a poetic nature, as no group is more deserving of money given up to bad odds and manipulation. Remember, Do unto others as you would have done to you and study your history or be doomed to repeat it.

Joseph D. Pilarz

Church is asset to community

To the Editor:

I'm so happy to see the 120-year-old church moved, safely, efficiently and fairly close to schedule. No doubt the Baptists will get many years of use out of

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this historic building once they get it restored. If a few people had their feathers ruffled because their routine was temporarily disrupted on moving day - oh well - maybe they'll get over it in 40 or 50 years. Then, too, possibly the other churches in the community might pitch in and throw a big picnic on Grand Opening Day - which should make up for the picnic which was disrupted on moving day.

No doubt this old building will be very beautiful when it is done. I'm reminded of a song that the Barbershoppers sing - "Don't throw the past away - you might need it some rainy day - when everything old is new again." It is good that this piece of history is being preserved.

Doug McCormick

Festival workers deserve thanks

To the Editor:

This past Sunday we closed the doors on the Tenth Annual Michigan 50s Festival. As I sat down at my computer to write this letter to you thank you all the people who made it happen. It has become painfully obvious that thank you is simply not enough. It will work very hard over the next few weeks to find other ways to express my gratitude but in the interim, please allow this for a start.

To our Board of Directors, specifically - Ed Kriewall, this festival was your idea and you probably never thought it could blossom into the number one festival of its type anywhere in the country. Well, it has and due to no small part to your professionalism, enthusiasm and leadership.

When you are not out front fooling the horn, you quietly and efficiently do the little things behind the scenes that have to be done to make this festival work. The people of Novi owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude. Thanks.

To Cheryl Byerly who spent the week making sure every one of our volunteers was taken care of, we will see if the Links of Novi can provide you with a faster golf cart next time.

To Cindy Kopycynski, our number one "Cruiser" who organizes and manages the best staff of volunteers anyone could ever ask for. Your tireless efforts are a shining example for others to follow.

To Matt Quinn, our legal expert who somehow finds the time to do whatever is needed. People like you not only make the festival a success, they make it fun.

To Tim "Kilian" Herrington, that was simply the finest Car Show and Cruise we have ever seen. The management of that part of the festival is an overwhelming task and I cannot think of anyone else who could have done it better.

To Tom Marcus, Novi's "Citizen of the Year." The Ice Cream Social

lured this event and without you, we cannot do it. We look forward to continuing our relationship for many years to come. We look forward as well to continuing our relationship with Blair Bowman and the Novi Expo Center. Blair, your civic commitment is incredible, your staff is extraordinary and this city is very lucky to have you.

Finally, thank you to the citizens of Novi. What fun would a party be if nobody came? Well you did, in record numbers. Because of that, during the next year we will be building a bandshell at the corner of Main and Market streets in downtown Novi for you all to enjoy for years to come.

That is our way of saying thank you for making the Tenth Annual Michigan 50s Festival a tremendous success. We have already begun the planning for the Eleventh Annual and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Bob McMann, President Michigan 50s Festival

City must be fair to Wagner family

To the Editor:

Once again, but not surprisingly, I am disgusted by the actions of our so-called city officials acting in their bizarre version of the public interest.

What they are actually doing is wasting our tax dollars by bureaucratic foot-dragging on the issue of Debbie and Tim Wagner and their trying to build a house (The Novi News, July 24, page 8A).

This should be so simple an issue. The facts are clear - they want to build a house. The city, through its Building Department, Planning Department, or its engineering firm, JCK should simply say Yes or No.

If the answer is yes, they need to tell them exactly - step by step - what needs to be done to issue the building permit, so they can go and do it. Sitting back and waiting for the Wagners and their attorney to regroup is bureaucracy at its worst.

If the answer is no, they can't build - ever, no matter what they do - tell them that now. Tell them you'll fight them all the way to Supreme Court but you'll never let them build, period, end of story - so they can get on with their lives.

But then, you sure as heck better reassess their property at \$0 retroactive to when they bought it, refund all the taxes they ever paid on the land, and fire the assessor for placing and maintaining a value of \$44,200 on worthless land.

The day that government officials bear some personal responsibility for their decisions - like the rest of us do in the private sector - is the day we'll really have freedom the way our founding fathers envisioned.

I don't know the Wagners or their attorney, but their patience is bordering on saintly. I do know that everybody on the City of Novi's payroll - JCK included - ought to be ashamed of themselves.

Michael Salemi

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MONDAY, AUG. 4
 10:00 a.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine
 10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room Floor
 11:00 a.m. - Christian Singles Today
 11:30 a.m. - Wise Guys
 12:00 p.m. - Novi Police Streetbeat Special Addition: Bike Safety
 12:30 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure: Oxford Inn and Village Cafe
 1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
 1:30 p.m. - MichUHealth: Health Care for Sale
 2:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies
 2:30 p.m. - Going to the Chapel
 3:00 p.m. - Motorsports: The Life of an Indy Car Mechanic
 3:30 p.m. - Pet Show
 4:00 p.m. - Smiles for the Camera
 4:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
 5:00 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. - Rock Soup: First

TUESDAY, AUG. 5
 10:00 a.m. - The Light to the Nations: Outside the City
 10:30 a.m. - Spies Profile
 11:00 a.m. - Law Talk: Professor Richard Seid
 11:30 a.m. - Summit University
 12:00 p.m. - Summit University
 12:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 1:00 p.m. - Drawing Men to Christ
 1:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 2:00 p.m. - Lansing connection
 2:30 p.m. - Justice
 3:00 p.m. - (cont'l)
 3:30 p.m. - Show Me Show with Tatiana
 4:00 p.m. - Creature Feature
 4:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 5:00 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine
 5:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
 6:00 p.m. - The Elegant Life: Bed and Breakfast
 6:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 7:00 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure: Oxford Inn and Village Cafe
 7:30 p.m. - Financial Strategies
 8:00 p.m. - Dr. Success Presents
 8:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 9:00 p.m. - Let's Talk with Ben Marks
 9:30 p.m. - (cont'l)

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 6
 10:00 a.m. - Life Matters
 10:30 a.m. - Excellence en Route
 11:00 a.m. - Patterson and Company
 11:30 a.m. - A Culinary Adventure: The Village Cafe Dearborn
 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. - AMVEIS
 2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now
 2:30 p.m. - Christian Singles with Prate Pete
 3:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators
 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. - Financial Strategies: Barbara Tally and Linda Taylor
 5:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 6:00 p.m. - Pet Show
 6:30 p.m. - Smiles for the Camera
 7:00 p.m. - Adventures with Prate Pete
 7:30 p.m. - Wise Guys: Old Home Week
 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: Outside the City
 9:30 p.m. - Rock Soup

THURSDAY, AUG. 7
 10:00 a.m. - The Job Show
 10:30 a.m. - The Happiest People

Alive
 11:00 a.m. - Abundant Life: Arable 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: Outside the City
 3:30 p.m. - Adventures with Prate Pete
 4:00 p.m. - Law Talk: Professor Richard Seid
 4:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 5:00 p.m. - Shaarey Zedek Productions
 5:30 p.m. - (cont'l)
 6:00 p.m. - MichUHealth: Health Care for Sale
 6:30 p.m. - Novi Police Streetbeat Special Edition: Bike Safety
 7:00 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure: The Village Cafe Dearborn
 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. - Law Talk: Professor Richard Seid
 9:30 p.m. - (cont'l)

Keep engine cool in hot summer sun

Vehicle owners can avoid doing a slow burn over an overheated engine by staying cool during summer's heat and following some common sense advice, advises AAA Michigan.

"An overheating car on a hot summer day in a traffic tie-up is not fun not only for you, but drivers behind you," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. But you need not have to face that situation if you prepare beforehand.

• Never leave a child or pet unattended in a car. According to the Michigan Humane Society, on an 85-degree day, air in a car, even with its windows slightly open, can reach 102 degrees in 10 minutes and 120 degrees in 30 minutes. On warmer days it can get even hotter. Cover metal and plastic on seat belts and child safety seats to prevent burns.

• Make sure your battery is in good condition. "An old or weak battery will fail, maybe even more than during winter, with the power demands of air conditioning and hot, humid weather," Basch says.

• Maintain your car's cooling system. Drain or flush your system and replace coolant if it is dirty or rusty or more than two years old. This is especially important on cars with aluminum engine parts and radiators. Check your owner's manual.

• Check your engine oil, and maintain proper levels. Oil not only lubricates the engine, but acts as a "heat sink," drawing excess heat away from the engine. Don't wait for dashboard warning lights to tell you to add oil. By the time most lights come on, you've only 30 to 40 percent of your engine's oil remaining. Check your oil at least every two weeks and consult your vehicle owner's manual for oil change intervals. If it's black, it's probably time for a change.

• If your vehicle starts to overheat in traffic, turn on your heater and fan to high. It may get uncomfortable, but pulling heat away from the engine might save thousands of dollars of mechanical damage to your vehicle's engine. Pull off the road onto a less busy highway to allow more air flow through the radiator to return the engine temperature to normal.

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MARTY FELDMAN
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ESL courses are offered for college credit. The classes are 15 weeks in length, and begin Aug. 28. Evening and weekend class times are available at the Auburn Hills, Highland Lakes, Orchard Ridge, Royal Oak and Southfield campuses. For more information call (248) 360-6244.

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Murphy's restaurant employees Cheryl Hackett and Tim Velzy join forces to make a refreshing summer chocolate shake.

Story by CAROL WORKENS - Photo by JOHN HEIDER

SHAKE IT UP, *baby,* TWIST 'N' SLURP

*Summer beverages
make for cool customers*

It's summertime in Michigan and the sipping is easy. There are sodas, malteds, shakes, Boston Coolers and Black Cows.

Jenny Turnage, a waitress at Murphy's of Northville, gets a lot of orders for chocolate shakes.

For those of you who haven't tried a Boston Cooler it's a blend of Vernors and vanilla ice cream. Black Cows are made with vanilla ice cream and root beer.

Usually sodas are made with carbonated water, two scoops of ice cream and flavored syrup. An unusual request Turnage received recently from a high school student was for a chocolate soda with Superman ice cream.

"They're pretty daring," she said of teenagers. "I had to try it myself to see how it tasted. It was pretty good."

On a typical weekend day, Turnage guesses the shake machine is cranking out 100 to 200 drinks.

Some people have their own specials, like a Superman shake or a Cookie Monster shake which includes a flavor of ice cream other than vanilla, chocolate or strawberry.

"Whatever kind they like, if we have the ice cream we'll make it for them," she said.

Turnage has her own way of making the perfect shake, putting in the ingredients in a certain order so they mix well.

The three scoops of ice cream come first followed by the malt flavoring if the order is for a malted, then the syrup and the milk.

According to Turnage's shake meter, as long as the straw stands up in the middle it's a perfect shake. But most customers prefer a medium shake which means the straw when placed in the center will slowly fall to the side of the glass.

"It depends on how hard they really want to work for it," Turnage said.

With four or five people behind the counter on the weekends scooping, Turnage said, "it gets pretty crazy, but a it's lot of fun."

Milkshakes are being served the old-fashioned way again at Guernsey Farms Dairy in Novi.

Orders in the restaurant for old fashioned chocolate milkshakes are now mixed and served in the tin cup just like in the old days, according to Marty McGuire, an

owner of the family-owned business.

"Dad is still down here every day telling us to make sure we do it right," McGuire said.

On a typical weekend day McGuire estimates they serve between 200 to 300 drinks, mostly for typical shakes, sodas and coolers.

"We do get some different concoctions people like to come up with," McGuire said. "Probably the newest one is the Moose Track Malted."

Weather is a good predictor of business, according to McGuire.

"Usually when it gets super hot and humid sales drop," he said. "People don't like to go out, they stay home in the air conditioning."

"Temperatures in the 80s and lower humidity is the best selling day for ice cream," McGuire added.

Greg Pierson, the owner/manager of another family business, Top of the Cone in Northville Township, finds that slushes, especially the blueberry, are popular with the kids.

Although adults seem to order more coolers and shakes, when they order slushes, they prefer the raspberry, cherry and strawberry flavors.

"We can go through 10 gallons of slush on a hot summer day, easily," Pierson said.

"Chocolate seems to be the most popular," Pierson of the shake orders, "but we do have people that will venture on the other side and get something that is not as traditional."

Like requests for nuts mixed in the milkshake.

"We do get some crazy requests, although nothing really seems crazy after being in the business 21 years," Pierson said.

There is a variety of soft-serve ice creams available and Top of the Cone carries a line that is more ice milk than cream. Ice milk is approximately 97 percent fat free.

"The trend lately is that people are more concerned and ask about the fat and calorie content," Pierson said. "People will request a sundae with yogurt and then hot fudge and whipped cream or a soda with ice cream and diet soda."

"It's a psychological thing for them," he said.

Volunteer



Kevin, (from left) Katie and Scott Shannon volunteered to read to youngsters at Rainbow Rascals Learning Center.

Youths chose favorite books to read to kids

By CAROL WORKENS
Feature Editor

On any given day at Novi High School, about 50 youths attend the Summer Youth and Teen Center Program sponsored by Novi Youth Assistance.

For many, it's a time of recreation. For others, it's an opportunity to volunteer on any of five community projects.

Four young volunteers from Novi recently participated in a reading afternoon at Rainbow Rascals Learning Center in Novi.

Twins Katie and Kevin Shannon, 10, along with their brother Scott, 12 (who also has a twin brother Steven), and Chris Davis, 11, volunteered to read to pre-kindergarten age children at the learning center. The four volunteers brought with them books they remembered to be fun to read when they were the same

age. "It was a personal kind of offer-

ing to the kids," said Patty Doyle, director of the Summer Youth and Teen Center Program.

The four volunteers helped the classroom teachers serve snacks and even had time to enjoy some themselves before they were each assigned small groups of three to four children.

Finding a spot on the carpet or one of the small tables, the children seemed eager to hear their volunteer's favorite books.

Sitting with faces in cupped hands, Scott's group listened intently as he read *Because a Little Bug Went Kachoo*.

"I like to read to little kids," said Scott of the reason he volunteered. Scott also attended the dance program with the Novi Seniors in July and plans on lending a hand at the upcoming Community Luncheon.

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Ford vetoes communists in 'Air Force One' Send your review

By Tom Shady SPECIAL WRITER

"Air Force One" is a movie that deals with many aspects of the Presidential institution. It questions the Chief Executive's place in world affairs, investigates America's role in fostering democracy overseas and asks how patriotism stacks up against loyalty to family and friends. All these perspectives make this latest Harrison Ford thriller a good movie. However, perhaps the best reason to see "Air Force One" at a theater near you is how much fun it is to watch the President kick some Communist butt.

By Tom Shady SPECIAL WRITER

It's the Cold War era, audiences have not been given nearly as many "Us vs. Them" movies as in the Reagan 80s. Even though a substantial number, including Rambo series, had less believable plots than some Disney films, according to the Red Menace got squeaked made you feel proud to be an American. A similar phenomenon exists with "Air Force One."

President James Marshall, played by Ford, is a tough-talking, action driven man who assists the leader of Kazakhstan, a former Russian rebel, in capturing a potentially rebellious, Communist officer named General Radek. In order to force the release of their incarcerated comrade, a handful of Radek loyalists take over the President's plane, Air Force One, with the help of a traitorous secret service member. After his plane is seized, Marshall manages to initially hide from the terrorists by making them think he escaped in a special pod designed to drift the President to safety.

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Heat eliminated from AABC playoffs

By SCOTT DANIEL
Sports Editor

All good things must come to an end. For the Novi Heat, the end came too soon. The squad of 13-year-olds went 0-2 in the AABC playoffs over the weekend and failed to make it out of the district tournament.

"It was a bad weekend," coach Dave Ray said, "but a great year. We've had a tremendous amount of focus and commitment out of these kids this season."

Novi earned a bid into the American Amateur Baseball Congress playoffs, which were held in Clarkston, by winning its Washtenaw Amateur Baseball Association Division.

Going into the tournament, Ray knew his team's chances of advancing were slim. The fact that Novi played against squads a year older made a big difference.

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"I think physically there is a difference," Ray said. "Pitchers are a little smarter and their breaking balls are a little better."

Novi finishes the year at 26-10 overall. The double-elimination tournament featured eight teams. Novi played the Michigan Cardinals and the

Rochester Yankees. Both games ended after five innings because of the playoff mercy rule. The Heat managed just two hits in the two games. "I don't know if we weren't hitting or the pitching was just that much better," Ray said.

The Cardinals and Yankees were two of the better teams Novi faced all year. "I think we drew a couple of the tougher teams in the tournament," Ray added.

Still, the coach hoped Novi might be able to win a game or two. "I don't think we played some of our best baseball," Ray added.

The Heat made several defensive errors in the games, which was uncharacteristic of the squad. "We usually don't make errors," said Ray. "The tournament will help Novi for next season. "It makes us better to see that caliber of pitching and hitting," Ray said. "It served its purpose. Hope-

fully, it wetted our whistle for next year." Novi will compete in the 14-year-old old division of WABA next spring and summer. If the Heat can win the division, Ray said they would likely get a direct bid to the regional and would bypass the district tournament.

While the season is over, next year isn't far off. The Heat will hold tryouts for the squad Sept. 13 and from 2 to 4 p.m. at Powers Park on Ten Mile Road.

"We encourage anybody who wants to play to try-out," Ray said.

This year's team members included Brandon Davis, Matt Gorman, Adam Haberman, Casey Kreutzberg, Andrew Herpich, Kyle Major, Tim Moore, Eric Myers, Jake Ray, Brian Swift and Eric Zorza. Dale Haberman managed the team.

Aufdemberge claims second straight Classic

The 14th Annual Road Runner Classic had a pair of repeat champions Saturday night. The eight-kilometer race saw Novi's Paul Aufdemberge win the overall men's title for the second straight year with a time of 25:16. Ann Arbor's Laurel Park won her fourth straight Classic with a time of 29:21. Each won \$400 for their efforts.

According to event organizer Doug Kurtis, the heat cut participation levels this year to 1,200 runners from about 1,500 a year ago. Temperatures were in the mid 80s with high humidity at race time Saturday evening.

Logistically, the race went very well, Kurtis said. Changes in the race course eased traffic tie-ups around Northville.

"The course was great," he added. "I think we finally got one that'll stick."

"It went well from a traffic standpoint. It was much better than last year."

Besides Aufdemberge and Park, prize money was handed out to several other participants.

Timothy Emmett of Redford won the men's masters with a time of 27:27. Laurel Cihak of Muskegon won the female masters division with a 32:45. Both won \$200.

Prizes were also handed out for second and third in each category.

Here's a listing of results from Saturday's 8K race in Northville. The top five finishers in each age category are listed by name, city and time:

Males under 14
Aaron Compton, Ann Arbor, 32:37; Alex Eichler, Novi, 33:49; Darrell Adkins, Northville, 38:28;

Eric Mink, 40:04; Mike Panter, Milford, 40:27.

Females under 14
Kristilyn Kern, Commerce, 41:18; Rachael Moratilis, Plymouth, 42:20; Kendra Huff, Whitmore Lake, 42:59; Sara Vang-neson, Belleville, 48:38; Katie Clark, Livonia, 50:29.

Males 15-18
Steven Crane, Taylor, 28:21; Ricky Bauer, Howell, 29:01; Austin Lampros, Brighton, 30:46; Dan Jess, Farmington Hills, 30:55; Craig Skalski II, Livonia, 31:44.

Females 15-18
Kelly McEneaney, Livonia, 35:08; Nicole Bolton, Canton, 35:25; Jill Danek, Canton, 40:03; Erin Lang, Canton, 41:04; Ann Catherine Figurski, Northville, 41:34.

Males 19-24
Kory Kramer, Highland, 26:58; Jason Bandlow, Dearborn, 27:28; Bryan Betts, Milford, 28:17; Jeremy Meyersteck, Pigeon, 28:27; Ray German, Plymouth, 30:03.

Females 19-24
Bridget MacKinnon, Livonia, 32:05; Gabriella Dersch, Hamburg, 35:04; Carrie Vanlsacker, Monroe, 38:27; Amy Freund, Ann Arbor, 39:55; Christine Richter, Ann Arbor, 40:00.

Males 25-29
Brad Kirk, Portage, 26:02; David Chomet, Berkley, 27:01; Matthew Schroeder, Northville, 28:10; Dennis Topolinski, East Lansing, 28:23; Calvin Ma, Water-

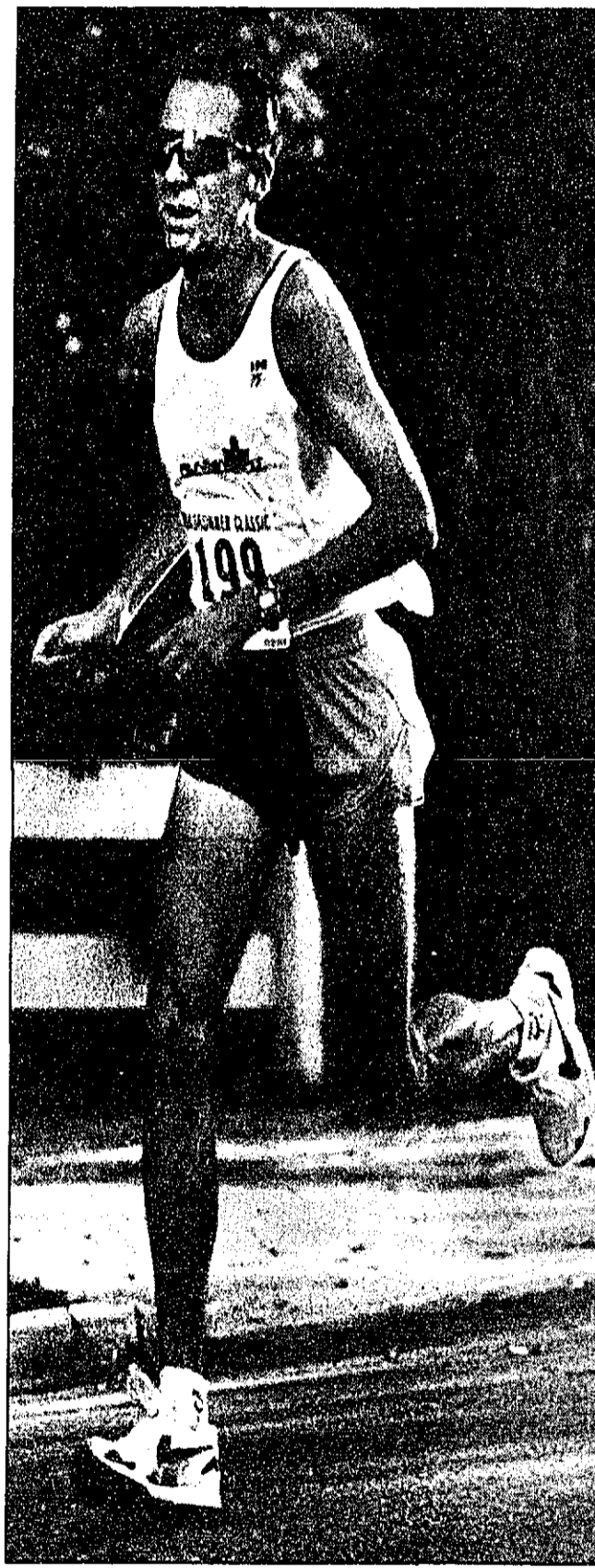


Photo by HAL GOULD

Novi resident Paul Aufdemberge won his second straight Road Runner Classic Saturday in Northville.

Novi opens grid season on road

The Michigan High School Athletic Association recently released its 1997 master football schedule list. Novi High's agenda remains exactly the same. The Wildcats open the season at Farmington on Saturday, Sept. 6.

The first home game comes the following week against South Lyon on Sept. 12. Other home games feature Milford on Sept. 26, Mt. Morris Oct. 3, Lakeland on Oct. 18 and the Wildcats play the Jug game at home on Oct. 31. Besides Farmington, Novi will play Hartland (Sept. 19), Howell (Oct. 10) and Brighton (Oct. 24) on the road.

The Wildcats went 6-3 a year ago — the best season Novi's had in the 1990s. The Green and White had gone either 5-4 or 4-5 every other year this decade.

It'll be hard for the Wildcats not to drop back into mediocrity this season. Novi suffered massive graduation losses.

The starting backfield is gone. Running backs Jason Witherspoon and Ima Akpan, who pilled up more than 1,600 yards between them, and quarterback Doug Mink have all departed.

Skip Becker will be missed on the offensive and defensive lines. Pete Byron, Lenzy Christoff, Josh Hadley, Chris Harrington, Conor Krause, Dave Mackenzie, Mark Price and Tom Maciochi are other significant losses.

Dan Colligan will likely take over at quarterback. Nate Plecha, Andrew Kelly and Pat Powers are players who will play key roles in Novi's fortunes this season.

In other news
It's World Series week in Northville. The National Amateur Baseball Federation summer classic returns to town starting today at the high school field.

A total of eight teams will compete. In past years, nine teams from around the country had participated.

The Washington state regional qualifier dropped out of the Series because of travel expense and time. The tournament's format was also a problem, according to some.

In the past, teams were guaranteed no more than two games. If a squad didn't win one of its first two games, in other words, there were a lot of driving and expenses to rack up for such a quick exit.

This year will be different. Teams will be divided into two groups of four. Group members play each other round-robin with the top two advancing to semi-final action Saturday morning.

The finals conclude the Series at 4 p.m. Saturday. The Series is excellent in terms of competition.

The New York Bayside has won the past three championships, the tournament is always hotly contested. For a couple of bucks you see excellent baseball and kids who are really hungry to win.

The only drawback that I've observed over the years is the lack of attendance by local folks. Stands are filled, but mostly by family members and friends of the ballplayers.

Let's change that this year. I'm not saying be there for every pitch. We all have lives. I understand. But if you can, drop by and watch a game. The action started at 9 a.m. today at Northville High School. Games are scheduled for noon and 3 p.m. both today and tomorrow.

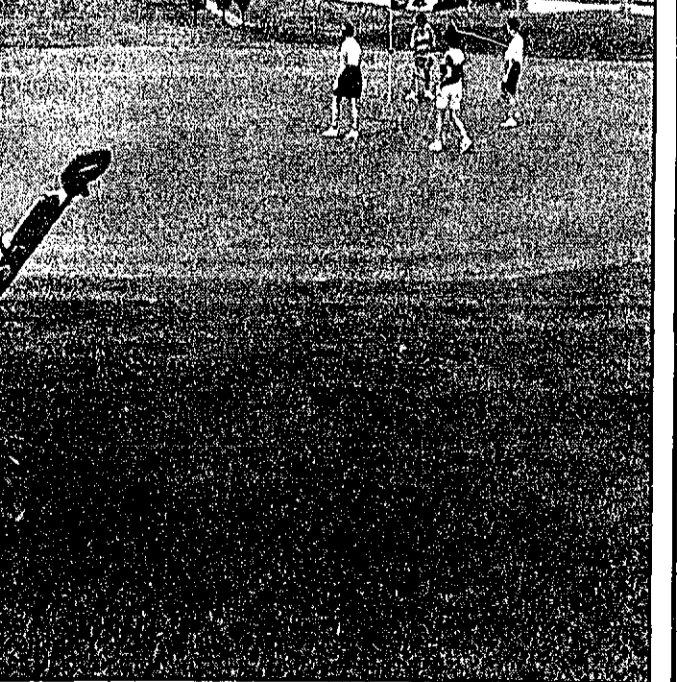


Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Greens at the Links of Novi, like the west's No. 5, are true-rolling.

The fairway. The nine's first par 3 comes at No. 4. A 130-yarder, it features a huge three-tier green. A pin placement in the middle or front tier means golfers best not hit it long.

Golfers emerge from the woods at No. 5, a 450-yard par 4. Sheldon said the key to scoring well on the west is surviving early.

An accurate assessment. The remaining four holes are relatively open and are somewhat shorter. No. 7 and 9 are 317 and 362-yard par 4s. No. 6 is a 481-yard par 5 and No. 8 a 206-yard par 3.

Links of Novi one of area's best public golf courses

This week *The Novi News* continues a series of weekly golf reviews. Our purpose is to provide the reader with useful information and tips on playing favorite courses in the area.

The Links of Novi is the subject of this week's review. If you would like to see a particular course reviewed this summer, please contact us at (810) 349-1700.

At \$48 a round on the weekend, the Links of Novi isn't cheap. But in terms of value, the 27-hole facility has few peers in the metropolitan Detroit golf scene.

Immaculate fairways, true-rolling greens and beautiful scenery spotlight the 198-acre site off of Ten Mile Road.

"The course is in good shape," said PGA Golf Professional Tom Sheldon, who has run the Links since it opened in 1991. "I think the course has matured a lot in the last few years."

Shot making is at a premium on all three nines, which range

from 2,805 yards (blue tees) on the south course to 3,209 on the east and 3,286 on the west.

"This course is tough," golfer Neil Geoghegan said of the west nine. "You have to hit it long, but accurately. There aren't many easy holes."

Golf Architect Jerry Mathews designed the course, which was built on about 175 acres. About 20 acres of the site are wetlands, which couldn't be disturbed in the building process.

"Matthews is the well-known architect in Michigan," Sheldon said.

The PGA pro said work has continued on the course to refine it.

"We've done a lot of drainage work the last few years," Sheldon commented.

Several teeing areas on the east and south nines have also been rebuilt. Sheldon said a little length was added to a few holes to make it more challenging.

Like many area courses, the Links of Novi is considering making spikeless golf shoes mandatory.

"I think we'll put a good push on that next year," said Sheldon, who noted that it saves a lot of wear and tear on greens, especially. "An unbelievable amount. People can play all day and it looks like nobody's been there. It's much easier on the course."

For sheer playing fun, the west course may be the Links of Novi's best nine.

Golfers jump right into the frying pan on the par 464-yard par 4. A dog-leg left requires two big hits to reach the green in regulation. Bunkers on either side of the green collect any errant shots.

The 521-yard third hole is rated and plays the toughest on the west nine. A dog-leg right, the par 5 features a narrow fairway that's surrounded by trees on all sides.

Assuming a safe tee shot in the fairway, golfers must decide whether or not to go for it on their second shot. Cautious put out into the fairway from the left side about 80 yards from the green.

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MONDAY	
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Novi Bowl	9-2
Cadillac Cafe	7-3
Novi Merchants	6-3-2
Star Clippers	6-5
SS Softball	5-6
Mr. B's	4-6
Sheehans	2-7-1
Benny's Pizza	1-8-1
HOME RUN LEADERS	
Gibson (Cadillac)	9
Rudin (Cadillac)	9
Issakson (Clippers)	8
Mathwick (Cadillac)	8
Floren (SS Softball)	8
DIVISION II	
Library Sports Pub	8-2
Sports Library	8-2
WISNIE	7-2
DRI	5-4
Pioneer	5-4
Honkel	4-7
Lukes Baptist	1-9
C & A	0-10
HOME RUN LEADERS	
Laney (Pioneer)	10
Ely (Library)	9
Hochkins (DRI)	7
RESIDENT LEAGUE	
Hodge's Supply	9-1
Galsby's	9-1
PCS	9-2
Novi Fire	3-8
Basscraft	3-7
IST	2-6
JCK	1-9
HOME RUN LEADERS	
Trotter (Galsby's)	10
Stachowski (Hodges)	9
Bancharo (Hodges)	8
Gibson (Hodges)	7

TUESDAY

DIVISION I	
Library Sports Pub I	13-1
DIA Top	11-4
Library Sports Pub II	10-5
Lou LaRiche	4-10-1
NAC	3-11-1
Matt Biaday's	3-12
HOME RUN LEADERS	
Loran (Library II)	10
Shea (Library I)	9
French (Library III)	7
DIVISION III	
WISNIE	12-0
Mr. B's	10-2-1
GS Sales	8-5
Library Sports Pub	8-6
No Stars	6-8
Duranton Pines	4-9-1
Relators	4-10
Hackers	2-11
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Mr. B's/McNish	5-6
Landing Strip	4-7
Pulse	2-11
Boulder	2-8-1
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Maichuk (Bosco's)	10
Coujays (Pulse)	9
Williams (Library)	9
DIVISION II	
Kichen Solvers	10-2
Green Machines	9-3
Team No. 6	8-4

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Rocky's	7-5
Library Pub	5-7
High Sliding	5-7
Cooper	2-10
Graco	2-10
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Traykowski (Team 6)	9
Peru (Team 6)	7
Koerber (High Sliding)	6
THURSDAY	
CVC Telecom	8-2
South Lyon Hotel	8-1
Novi Industries	5-5
Country Epicure	5-6
Wolverine	5-6
Fresno	2-6
Tobacur	2-7
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Bulkiewicz (Novi Industries)	
DIVISION II	
DOC	8-0
Staring Gale	7-1
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Brock's	4-4-1
Piedmont	4-3
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Team 3	2-8
Choo Choo	1-9
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Koersch's	10-0
Copper Mug	7-4
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Osteoarthritis, otherwise known as "wear and tear" arthritis, is most commonly caused by a long-standing overload of the joint surface from repeated trauma, sports injuries or obesity. The ends of the bone in the knee are covered by a hard, slippery tissue called hyaline cartilage. When this cartilage is overloaded, softening, cracks and fissures occur in the cartilage. This causes a thinning of the cartilage and, eventually, exposure of the bone.

Degenerative changes associated with arthritis, even early arthritis, lead to more and more destruction within the knee joint. As the hyaline cartilage and the meniscus cartilage, a type of cushion within the knee, degenerate, the knee is unable to accommodate the high forces and load associated with simple walking or standing. The joint contact area, which corresponds to the area which carries body weight, decreases significantly when the menisci are lost or torn. The load inside the knee becomes higher and further

injures the already insufficient hyaline cartilage covering the bone. This creates a self-perpetuating, irreversible cycle.

Knee replacement surgery may provide long-term relief of the pain caused by severe arthritis and may offer an opportunity to return to a pain-free and more active lifestyle.

Contrary to common beliefs, knee replacement surgery does not remove the entire knee. It merely removes the defective cartilage and a small amount of bone from the ends of the knee and introduces a metallic surface and a piece of plastic. The metal is usually made from cobalt-chrome or titanium. The metal glides against a plastic bearing which is made from ultra high molecular weight polyethylene.

After knee replacement, patients no longer have symptoms of arthritis, because the diseased and inflamed cartilage tissue have been removed.

The hospital stay for knee replacement surgery is approximately four to five days. The total recovery time is about six weeks. After the six-week recuperation period, most patients are walking well, are able to drive and are experiencing little or no pain.

Unfortunately, knee replacements do not come without risk: the knees do wear out and have a limited life span. With today's technology, we are able to predict that 95-98 percent of the knee replacements performed will last 12-15 years.

While there are drawbacks to



Photo courtesy of Providence Hospital

A patient recovering from total knee replacement surgery is assisted in rehabilitation exercises. Exercise is a crucial part of the recovery process, according to doctors.

total knee replacements, knowledge of the risks and benefits in each case will assist in the decision-making process.

Talk to your physician, gather and read printed information and talk to other patients about their experiences. Be an informed health

care consumer.

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Health Notes

Number of new melanoma cases rising

Baby boomers grew up believing a golden tan was a good thing. And if a golden tan meant a burn first, so be it.



Timothy Johnson

Now baby boomers, and all Americans are being diagnosed at alarming rates with melanoma skin cancer - the most deadly form of skin cancer. The number of new cases of melanoma continues to rise faster than any other human skin cancer. Melanoma is now the fifth most common type of cancer, the most common cancer

in white males in Michigan 25 to 44 years old, and the third leading cancer in white females in Michigan in this age group.

Lifetime analysis shows that one in 84 people born in the United States in 1997 will develop melanoma during their lifetime, up 1,800 percent from 1930. More than 7,000 people will die from melanoma this year, or one death every hour and 12 minutes.

Prevention, risk directed interventions, early detection and public education programs are the keys to turning the tide of the present melanoma epidemic. The good news is that melanoma has one of the best cure rates of any cancer if caught early.

Learning the risk factors and ABCD's of melanoma is key to early detection. With greater awareness, patients will show their lesions to their doctors for examination. Doctors at the University of Michigan Multidisciplinary Melanoma Clinic have seen five new patients with melanoma in the past month who diagnosed their melanoma while watching a television show on melanoma.

The melanoma epidemic continues to pose a serious and significant public health problem in

the United States. It is estimated that over \$1 billion was spent on melanoma treatment in 1990. Assuming a continuation of the current 6 percent annual increase in melanoma incidence, the cost of melanoma treatment for Medicare alone may exceed \$5 billion by the year 2010.

The guidelines regarding screening studies, staging work-ups, surgical margins and investigational intervention continue to rapidly change and new knowledge is gained daily from clinical trials. The multidisciplinary team approach with dermatologists, surgeons, oncologists, and other members of the health care team may provide the most up-to-date cost effective care.

At the University of Michigan, patients with a new diagnosis of melanoma are evaluated and educated by the entire team of physicians in one afternoon. Approximately 600-700 new patients will be seen in this clinic in 1997. A team and community commitment to treat, educate, and help patients with melanoma is necessary to further our knowledge and advance therapy of melanoma into the 21st century.

The following chart shows the likelihood of a person developing melanoma if the current trend continues:

For a person born in: The chance is:

1935, 1/1,500
1960, 1/600
1980, 1/250
1997, 1/84
2000, 1/75

To check out your spots for melanoma, apply the alphabet test:

A. Asymmetry: If the mole or spot, when cut down the middle, isn't the same size or shape on either side, have it checked out.

B. Border: An indistinct or scalloped, irregular border indicates a troublesome spot.

C. Color: Jet black moles or shades of red, white and blue should be checked. Brown is generally better.

D. Diameter: If the mole is larger than 6 mm

(the size of a pencil eraser), it should be checked.

Risk Factors:

The following are some of the factors associated with the tendency toward skin cancer:

- Blue eyes, fair skin, red or blond hair.
- Significant sun exposure with peeling and sun burning (especially as a child).
- A lot of moles: people with more than 20 and up to 200 moles on their body are more likely to develop melanoma. Also, the presence of irregular moles and freckling carries a significant increased risk. People with more than five irregular moles carry a higher risk of developing melanoma.
- A personal or family history of melanoma in any first-degree. Also, if a family member has atypical mole syndrome (a lot of atypical or dysplastic moles) approximately half of the family members will have atypical moles as well, with a significant increased risk of developing melanoma.

The use of sunscreen and sun protection clothing beginning in childhood is critically important for sun protection. The numbers on the sunscreen bottles pertain to the SPF (sun protection factor). The SPF determines how long someone can stay in the sun without burning.

A fair skinned person who burns in 10 minutes in the sun unprotected would multiply that time by the SPF to determine the amount of protected time in the sun he or she would obtain by applying the sunscreen. A SPF of 10 would protect that person for 100 minutes, and a SPF of 50 would protect that person for 500 minutes.

This article was written by Dr. Timothy Johnson, the director of the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center Cutaneous Surgery and Oncology Unit. If you have any questions or would like more information about cancer, call the Cancer AnswerLine at 1-800-865-1125.

Health Notes

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.

Childbirth Education

A six-week series designed to prepare the pregnant woman and her support person for the birth experience is being offered at Providence Medical Centers throughout Oakland and Wayne counties. A tour of the birthing area is included. Childbirth refresher and Caesarean birth classes are also offered.

Cost: \$65. For more information or to register, call 1-800-968-5595.

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.

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