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That's 'centertainment'

Shopping center, multiplex theater complex proposed for Twelve Mile Road

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

If you think Novi's already a regional mecca for shoppers, look out for what's coming next.

West Oaks Galleria, a 676,885-square-foot "centertainment" complex with a multiplex movie theater and five restaurants, is proposed for 70 acres west of the West Oaks I and II shopping centers. If built, after Twelve Oaks, it would be the second largest mall type development in downtown Novi and almost double the size of Novi Town Center.

"This is quite extensive," said Novi Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers.

"There's a little bit in it for everyone."

Described as "a critical mass of entertainment, retail and dining," the project is outlined in a rezoning application recently submitted to the city by West Oaks developers Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust of Southfield.

Ramco-Gershenson's Director of Development Joseph Sutschek said he had "no comment" on the project, adding that the rezoning application contained "all there is to know."

Referred to in the application as an "unique and exciting centertainment" concept showcasing the "latest thinking" and planning in the retail and entertain-

ment industry, the development would range from Twelve Mile Road to I-96, to Donelson Drive, abutting the existing West Oaks centers.

The development would feature 551,885 square feet of retail, the 75,000 square foot theater and five freestanding eateries, each 10,000 square feet. All this is anticipated to be built in one phase.

With a old-fashioned movie marquee fronting on the freeway, the multiplex theater would boast stadium seating.

The 18-unit shopping center features a rectangular design; services areas would be tucked within an interior courtyard, away from the public view.

"It's like a big doughnut, all the truck loading is within the center of the building. There will be no rear to the building ... to achieve the spirit of front doors on all sides," Rogers said. "It's really a big shoe box in there."

Outside, from the illustrations submitted to the city, the glass and brick exterior is not unlike the designs of the Main Street development.

"The real drama, however, will be in the unique design of the buildings which are varied in style and height, but all of which blend to create a sense of being transported to a distinct place and experience," the rezoning application details.

Novi staff planner Steve Rumble said the rezoning is scheduled to come before the Novi Planning Commission on Nov. 19. While the application predicts that the center will offer restaurants, stores and entertainment not represented in Novi today - and many not located within the entire region - Rumble said he doesn't have any details yet about what tenants may locate there.

"I'm sure we'll know more about that when they get the rezoning," Rumble added.

In the traffic analysis submitted to the

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City election still seen as anyone's race

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

There's only one real race in Novi, despite the openings on the Nov. 4 ballot for four city council members and one mayor.

After all, Mayor Kathleen McLallen is running unopposed. And there's only one contestant, Craig DeRoche, for a two-year council term vacated when Nancy Cassis went to the state house.

The action surrounds the three four-year terms up for grabs.

Incumbents Hugh Crawford and Ed Kramer hope to keep their jobs. Also trying their luck are former council member Joe Toth, former Novi school board member Michael Meyer, former planning commissioner Gwen Markham, former planning commissioner Laura Lorenzo and library board member Eric Krieger.

So who's on first? Ask the can-

"Everybody seems to be just up and running now. That was a surprise to me."

Craig DeRoche

didates and they'll point to the incumbents, especially Crawford, who hopes to land a fourth term on the council.

"I really think Ed Kramer and Hugh Crawford are going to do well. I've been very impressed with Gwen Markham as a speaker. Joe Toth has very good name recognition in the city but I'm not sure how that will go over with the voters," DeRoche said.

"I'm not sure who's pulling

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Issues get hearing at candidate's night

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Current city government was on the receiving end of what salvos were fired by Novi council candidates last week in the League of Women Voters' Candidate Night at the Civic Center.

The focus of the issues were the proposed community pool and the ice arena already under construction.

In the spotlight were Mayor Kathleen McLallen, who is run-

ning for a third term unopposed; Craig DeRoche, who faces no competition for a two-year council term; and seven other candidates, three of whom will be elected to four-year terms. Those candidates include incumbent Hugh Crawford, incumbent Ed Kramer, and challengers Eric Krieger, Laura Lorenzo, Gwen Markham, Michael Meyer and Joseph Toth.

Each had a chance to give a short pitch for themselves and

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Serving constituents

State Rep. Nancy Cassis checks to see if Cardine Giese needs a refill on her sausages during Friday's "Pancakes and Politicians" gathering at the Novi Civic Center. Members of the Novi City Council, Mayor Kathleen

McLallen and the Novi Fire Department all pitched in to prepare pancakes, sausage and plenty of juice and coffee. No political speeches were allowed, but entertainment was provided by the Novi Choralaires.

Challenger Markham wants to make her mark

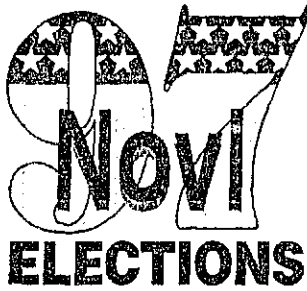
By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Gwen Markham put in 22 years in the workforce as a chemical engineer.

Then, she decided she wanted to spend more time with her two young sons - they grow up so fast, Markham explained. She scaled back to running her own part-time consulting firm and searched for an unpaid job where she could make a difference.

"I wanted to seriously volunteer, do something with meat to it," she explained.

Turning to government was a logical choice for Markham, the daughter of former Oakland County Executive Dan Murphy. As a resident of Royal Crown Estates, she landed a spot on the third city committee assigned to the task of researching the possibility of bringing a community



pool to town.

From there, she was invited to apply for the Novi Planning Commission, where she served 18 months. Now, she's eyeing the Novi City Council.

Markham has definite ideas about the direction she'd like to see Novi take, but says she prefers civilized debate. Her outspokenness apparently lost her the commission seat, with Mayor Kathleen

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Photo by HAL GOULD

Candidate Gwen Markham relaxes at home.

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A special section ...



Community Calendar

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

Thursday, October 16

Novi schools
The Novi schools Board of Education will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Parkview Elementary School Building.

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

Monday, October 20

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

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

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

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

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters
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American Business Women's Association
The American Business Women's Association meets at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 2100 Crescent Blvd. in Novi. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. Dinner is at 7 and the business meeting follows immediately thereafter. For reservations, call Carol Emsley, at (313) 462-0588. For membership information, call Bettie Johnson (810) 960-9559.

Garden Club
The Novi Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center.

Civil Air Patrol
The Sixgate Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol, meets at Novi Middle School, 25299 Taft Rd., from 7-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 348-2669.

Chess Club
The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

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

Bereavement Support Group
A bereavement support group meets at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., from 7:30-9 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Dr. M. Meyer. The topic is "Taking Grief One Step at a Time". There will be a brief prayerful reflection during the meeting by a clergy from the area.

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

ZONTA
The ZONTA Club of Farmington/Novi meets at 6 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel between Seven and Eight Mile roads, off I-275. ZONTA International is a worldwide classified service organization of executives in business and the professions, working to improve the legal, political, economic and professional status of women. For information and reservations, call (313) 538-8043.

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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-H Education Center, Twelve Mile at Meadowbrook Road. For chapter information or an invitation to one of the meetings, please call 642-7725.

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Set your clocks back one hour as Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 a.m. Sunday.

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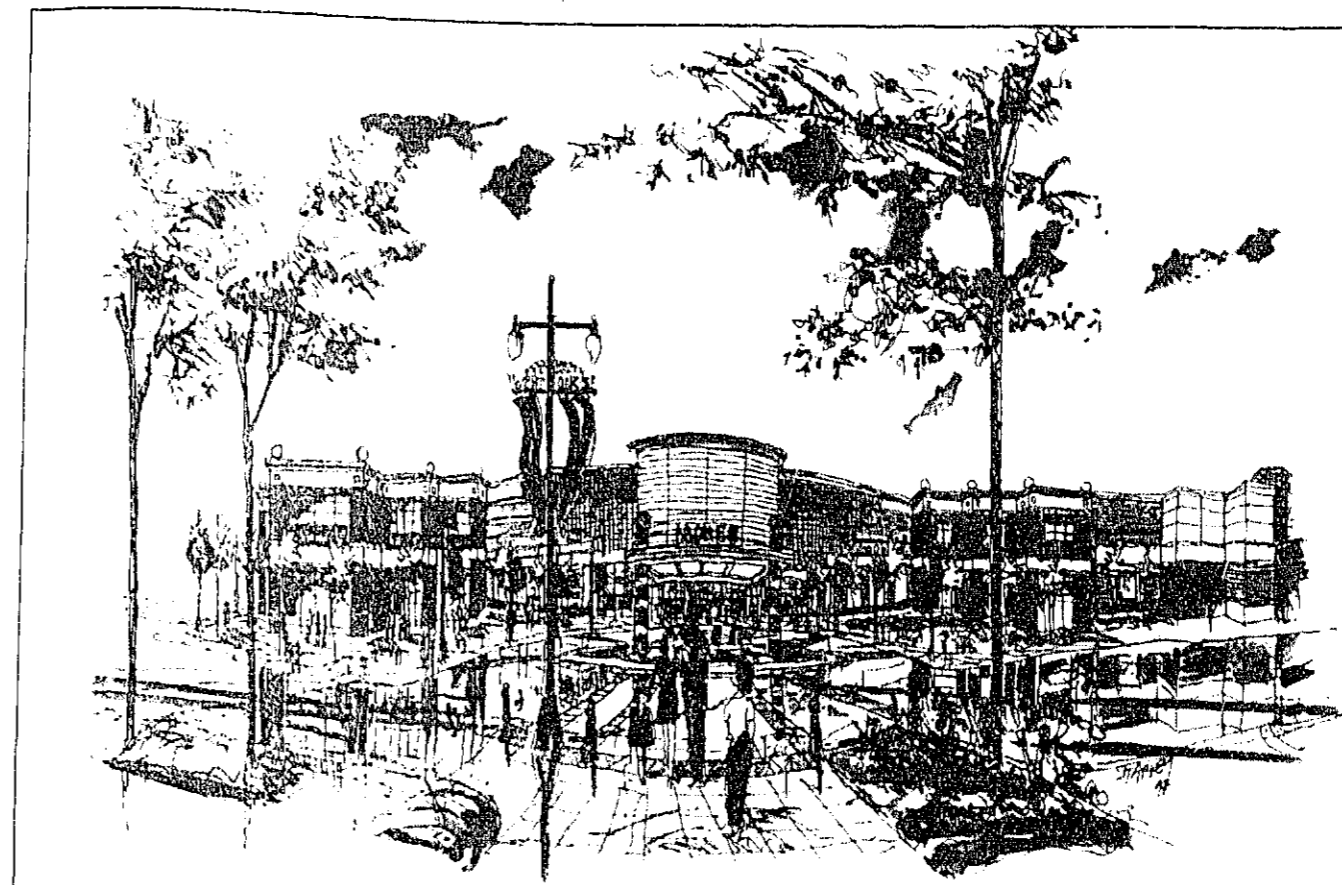
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An artist's rendition of the new shopping center, theater complex proposed for Novi by Ramco Gershenson.

Mall, theater proposed for Twelve Mile

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city's planning department, it's noted that improvement to the roads in the Twelve Mile/Novi Road/Denison Drive area will be needed, including intersection improvements, more traffic lights and modified signal timings. Most significantly, the connection of Denison Drive to westbound I-96 is proposed.

With all this new retail space, will the West Oaks Galleria compete with Main Street in reeling in attractive tenants? Rogers doesn't think so.

"No, this is a big regional mall as distinguished from Main Street. Main Street still has its own ambience, the narrow streets, the zero lot lines," he said.

"I foresee it as leading retailers, rather than small storefronts... It's more like West Oaks I and II. It's not like Twelve Oaks. The high-end

performers, the profitable stores, go into Twelve Oaks."

Police Chief Douglas Shaeffer said he hasn't seen any plans but additional retail and commercial development would obviously impact his department.

"For every additional development and person that moves into town it has an added drain [on] resources," said Shaeffer.

But it doesn't worry him.

"I'm excited about the growth in development," he added.

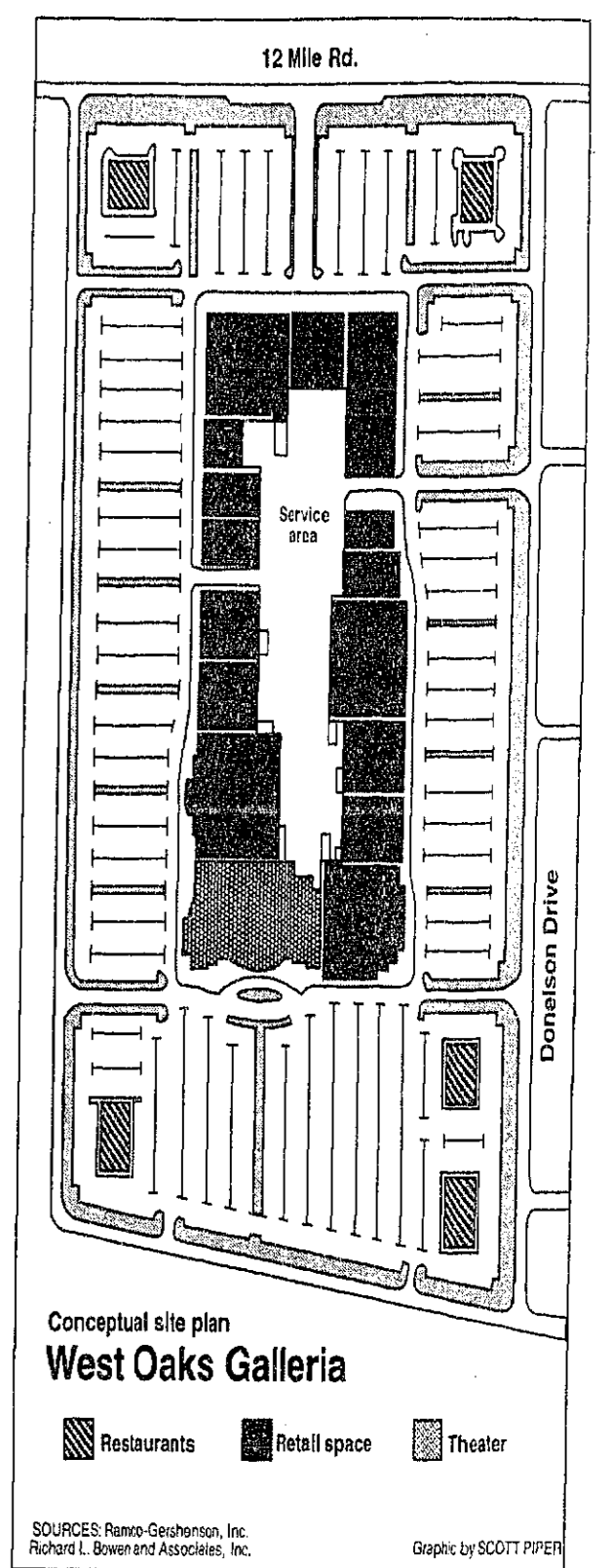
Ramco-Gershenson holds an option to purchase the 32 acres now proposed for a rezoning from residential-agricultural (R-A, one-acre lots) to regional center (RC). Current owners of this land are the Dixon Road Group, the Novi-Twelve Mile Road Associates, the Pico Investment Company and the Madias brothers. The mostly vacant property contains several

A COMPARISON

The proposed West Oaks Galleria would rank with these major shopping centers in downtown Novi:

- Twelve Oaks Mall - 1.44 million square feet, including its anchor stores.
- West Oaks Galleria - plans call for 676,885 square feet
- Novi Town Center - 362,937 square feet
- West Oaks I - 239,425 square feet.
- West Oaks II - 119,580 square feet.

(Source: City of Novi Assessing Department)



CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 97-16.03

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Novi City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 97-16.03 - AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 35-66, 35-67, 35-68, 35-69, 35-70, 35-72 AND 35-75 OF THE NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A DRIVER'S PERMIT.

The provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its adoption. The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, October 6, 1997. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. prevailing local time.

(803951 10-16-97 NR/NN) TONNI L. BARTHOLOMEW CITY CLERK

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

This request will be considered at 2:15 PM on Wednesday, October 22, 1997, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to October 22, 1997.

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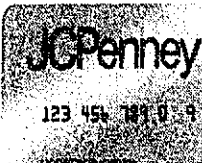
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Crime numbers on even keel in Novi

by WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The biggest crime facing the nearly 40,000 people of Novi is theft, according to the latest Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Statistics released last month.

"The number one crime in any community is larceny," said Police Chief Douglas Shaefler. "Maybe from garages, from cars, maybe you leave a bike in the front yard and it gets stolen. And of course the numbers include shoplifting."

Although Shaefler is still not completely comfortable with the accuracy of the numbers, he said the city has seen slight decreases in most crimes, even larcenies. But he can't explain the reason for the apparent major drop in aggravated assault, saying only that the numbers may not be reliable.

In fact, the crime statistics are more than six months late because of computer problems with Oakland County's system. Novi's numbers go to the county, then to the State Police which sends them onto the FBI.

Crime Statistics: City of Novi

Crime	1995	1996	Difference	Change
Murder/manslaughter	0	1	+1	-
Rape	17	14	-3	-18%
Robbery	12	10	-2	-17%
Aggravated assault	126	48	-78	-62%
Burglary	200	167	-33	-17%
Larceny	1518	1429	-89	-6%
Auto theft	101	105	+4	+4%
Arson	6	3	-3	-50%
Total	1974	1774	-200	-10%

SOURCE: FBI Uniform Crime Reports, 1995 and 1997 editions

A glitch in the local and county system as well as a changeover in programming created some false numbers and questions about the accuracy of others.

The chief said the long range solution is the purchase of a computer system that will keep data within the department and under its control. The system is still being

installed but should be up and running at full-speed shortly, Shaefler said.

"As our computer system becomes more sophisticated, we'll be able to analyze those numbers and combat them," said Shaefler.

For now, police perform extra patrols in areas found to be targets of larcenies and meet with homeowners to discuss prevention tips. The community policing program is working well, Shaefler said, especially the Bike Patrol.

Officers on bikes are more accessible to the public and can mingle with residents better at city events and school functions.

The only murder for the year remains a mystery. A 37-year-old Detroit resident, the mother of two, was found bloody but alive last May in the brush behind the Great Oaks Landscaping Company near Twelve Mile and Beck roads. She died shortly after being taken to Huron Valley Hospital.

Although detectives from several areas worked for months on the case, it remains unsolved.

Education Notes

Teen immunizations

Many teenagers may not be adequately immunized against life-threatening diseases. Routine immunizations are completed before adolescence, but there are some cases in which booster shots are needed. Also, if childhood immunizations were not fully carried out, they need to be completed. Make sure your teen is up-to-date on his/her shots.

The week of Oct. 20 is Medical Assistants Week. Oakland Community College's Medical Assisting Department is hosting information sessions regarding childhood immunization and tours of the facilities at the Highland Lakes campus, Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call Karen Kittle at (248) 360-3094.

Speaker Series

Oakland Community College's Distinguished Speaker Series continues Tuesday, Oct. 21, with Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly speaking on "Success." The program, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Smith Theater on the Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills.

Justice Kelly's career has included experience as a teacher, member of the state board of education, and service on citizens advisory groups to the Detroit public schools, Wayne County Community College and Oakland Community College. She was a trial lawyer for 17 years in Wayne and Oakland counties where she formed the law firm of Marilyn Kelly & Associates. She was elected to the Michigan Court of Appeals for a six-year term in 1988, reelected in 1994, and elected to the Supreme Court in 1996.

The Distinguished Speaker Series will continue with David Stinson, Chief Executive-Franklin Bank, Tuesday, Nov. 4, at 9:30 a.m. in Smith Theater. For further information, call (248) 471-7744.

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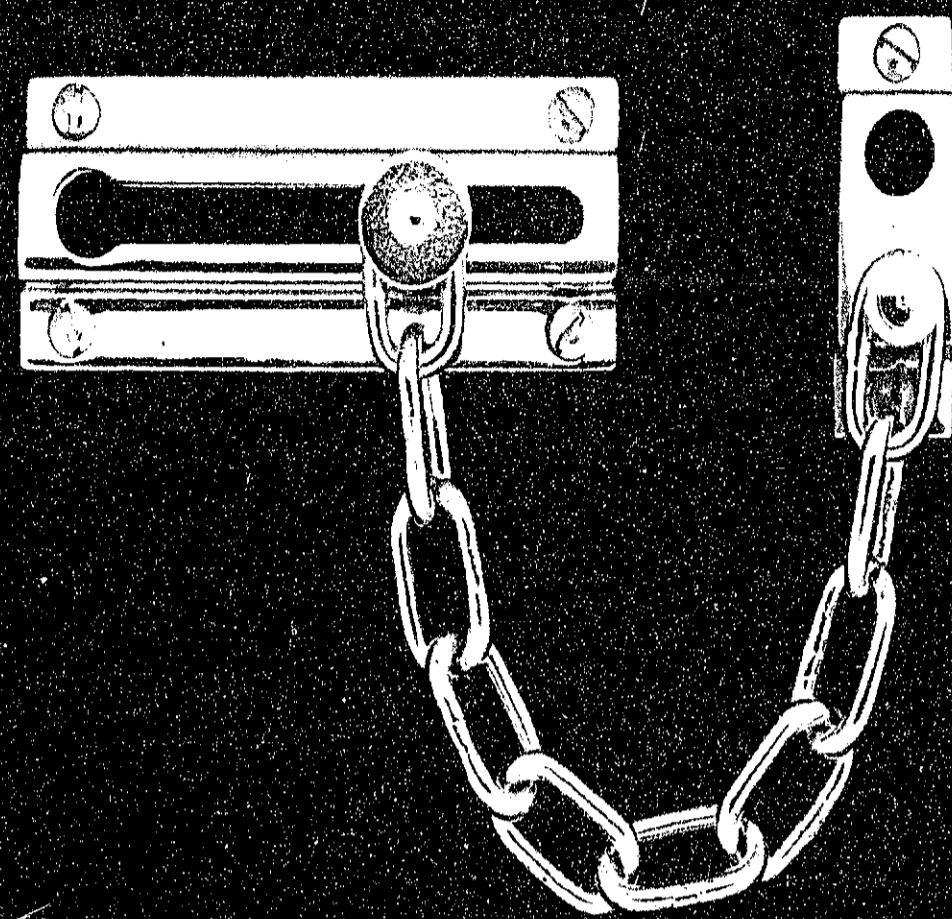
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Candidates address the issues before League



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were then asked several questions. Following are some of their responses.

League of Women Voters: What is the one most critical issue facing us and how would you address it?

Lorenzo: Because the tax base erodes the city's ability to fund high tech and research light industrial development, to avoid residents bearing the brunt of taxes. As a planning commissioner, she worked on development of the new office-service-technology ordinance.

"I will encourage the use of this ordinance and also placing OST districts in the master plan," she said.

Toth: For Toth, the most pressing issue is the city's use of revenue bonds to fund projects such as the Novi Ice Arena.

"They're backed by the taxpayers. The revenues coming in are supposed to pay for the bonds. If the revenue doesn't come in, who gets stuck is the taxpayers," he said.

He's also concerned about possible plans for a golf course in the North Novi Park.

Kramer: The balance and development of the city tops the list for Kramer.

"We need to continue to prepare Novi for high tech uses and attractive light industrial development that will support a balance in the city's economic development," he said.

Krieger: "The city council must be more accountable with the Open Meetings Act. The practice of secret ballots for an appointment committee member or a council member defeats the purpose of diversity," he said, adding that he would like to see barriers between council and planning commission and other groups broken down.

Crawford: "We need to create a city that can afford itself," he said. He suggests encouraging Grand River Avenue as corridor for development. Crawford added that Novi needs to be more user-friendly for business people and developers: "If you look at South Lyon and Wixom, many high tech and industrial opportunities have leapfrogged Novi."

Markham: She agrees potential tax base imbalance is a problem and encouraging OST type development along the Haggerty Connector and the freeway.

"We need to work with the county and state to attract business for those corridors," she added.

DeRoche: He also supported concept of fighting potential tax base imbalance. He also questioned facilities such as the ice arena and proposed pool, asking if taxpayers should foot the bill for the recreation of only a segment of the population.

"The city needs to think seriously before committing millions of dollars for new municipal recreational development, whether a bond or a revenue bond that commits the taxpayers," DeRoche said.

McLallen: While the city's financial picture is rosy, Novi needs to foster a pro-business climate, the mayor said.

"We do need to create a climate that says Novi understands business. We need to do it efficiently and quickly," she added.

Meyer: To Meyer, tax base imbalance is a concern, as are current ordinances impacting business, such as sign ordinance.

"We need to revisit our ordinances and not be afraid to do that," he added.

LWV: Do you support the bond proposal for an aquatic facility. If it doesn't break even, where you find extra money for the operation?

Toth: He's not opposed to a closed indoor facility, but is against current bond proposal.

"The aquatic facility is nothing more than an amusement park. I don't think it should be at the city complex. It cheapens the area," he said, suggesting other city land as alternative sites.

Kramer: He said he will support the voters' decision, but doesn't like the current site plan. He backs the proposed Power Park location, if the access road is switched from Taft Road to Ten Mile Road.

"It's for the citizens to determine if they want it. It's a legitimate recreational use. We'll have to cover any shortfall from the parks and recreation budget," Kramer said.

Krieger: He likes the idea of a city pool, but doesn't support the current proposal.

"If it passes, the city will have to make it work," Krieger added.

Crawford: He pointed out that the idea was brought to the city by a group of citizens.

"Dan Davis (parks and recreation director) said he could not guarantee it would make money. That is a responsible comment. Everything we've been told by the committee indicated it would be quality of life facility," Crawford said.

Markham: She backs the pool because it will serve a variety of

residents, from small children to seniors, and was on the most recent citizens pool committee.

"I believe we did study the issue. I wouldn't support it if I didn't think it would be successful... I urge voters to find out about the issue and the design of the complex before you vote," Markham added.

DeRoche: He will vote no on the issue, based on the location and financing.

"It's of grave concern to me that it will not be able to pull its own weight. I would never myself as a taxpayer be dependent on other taxpayers to support my recreation," he added.

McLallen: There is much misrepresentation going to the community concerning this. It's up to the citizens to decide if this is an asset they want the community to have," she said.

Meyer: He will vote no.

"I believe the cost is exorbitant. I believe the site access didn't take into consideration the residents of Addington Park. I believe they should have been listened to more closely," Meyer said.

Lorenzo: She will vote no. Lorenzo said it's premature to put the issue on the ballot at this time without offering the option of alternative sites.

"The city council reconstituted for a year, then reacted without being adequately prepared," she added.

LWV: What criteria should be used in selecting appointments to boards and commissions?

Kramer: Experience, applicable skills, enthusiasm and interest for city.

"You have to have a group that has somewhat of a diverse back-

ground but is willing to work together," he said.

Krieger: Interest in community, experience, background.

"Fairness in the interview process, seeing how they present themselves and their beliefs in the community," he said.

Crawford: Character, enthusiasm. There should be different criteria for each committee. For example, Crawford said a planning commission appointee should be someone who's been in Novi a long time and is familiar with the community.

"I don't want to appoint someone to a committee who has an axe to grind or is on a mission," he added.

Markham: A mix of ages, both genders.

"I think that in a community there is a lot of great people who are not represented," she said.

DeRoche: Enthusiasm and team player, desire to make Novi a better city. Also experience, he said.

"You take the planning commission, it's important and perfectly appropriate to take someone who has developed in the city and has working knowledge of the laws," he said.

McLallen: Diversity.

"You want the person to be excited about the city, you want them to be committed. Are they going to be

productive as a group?" she said.

Meyer: Interest in community, according to Meyer.

"Most of all it should include allowing someone who may not agree with everyone. That provides the diversity," he said.

Lorenzo: Familiarity with master plan and zoning issues, is a criteria, she said, as well as enthusiasm and dedication.

Toth: Willingness to commit time, in some cases needed expertise, such as computer knowledge for a computer committee.

What is the most critical infrastructure need and how well is the city managing growth? Can it be improved?

Krieger: Under the master plan, the city's goal is to avoid over-crowding residential areas, so services such as police and fire are adequate, he said.

"A strong balanced tax base is basic to help pay for these infrastructure needs," Krieger added.

Crawford: Ten Mile Road is an issue for Crawford. He doesn't approve of widening it to five lanes.

"I think that's rather an aggressive program, to widen Ten Mile to a five-lane boulevard. We need to come up with better plans. Grand River as a commercial corridor needs to be aggressively promoted," he said.

Crawford added that Novi should

The candidates take turns addressing issues at the League of Women Voters-sponsored Candidates' Night last Wednesday.

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offer grants from state and federal government, as well as more road bond millage to address roads.

Markham: She suggested the city should look at zoning for regional business corridors along Grand River, Haggerty Connector and Berk Road.

"Novi Road still needs a lot of work. We need to work more aggressively with the county and state," she added.

DeRoche: He agrees that roads and other planning issues are key and should be handled by employing growth management policies.

"The city hasn't gotten to all the ways there are and right now city is just starting the process of managing the growth," he added.

McLallen: Always roads, she said.

"Berk Road is the most significant sleeping dragon that we have to deal with. We have to deal with it now. It is a major north/south corridor in the region," she added.

In addition, the mayor said the city needs to make sure the infrastructure in west Novi is ready for the on-coming development.

Meyer: He supports three-to-five lane widening of Ten Mile Road.

"Avenue who drives along Ten Mile realizes how great a need there is on that road," Meyer said.

Novi also needs affordable hous-

ing, taxes, so young citizens can continue to live here as adults, he added.

Lorenzo: Traffic is the most critical issue to her. She would like to see Twelve Mile Road/Donelson Drive area developed as office-technology area, rather than commercial.

When the city does permit a traffic-off in reduced lot sizes, developers should be required to make off-site improvements, Lorenzo added.

Toth: Grand River, as the second road for those who aren't driving on I-96, needs improvement, he said. City water pressure is a problem, Toth added.

"We're still asking people to water their lawns every other day because we don't have sufficient water," he said.

Kramer: Ten Mile and Berk Road need improvement, Kramer said. Also, the city need to work on parks and recreation.

"Citizens supported the acquisition of park land and we're just getting into providing facilities. I feel we have to consider this as an aspect of life," he added.

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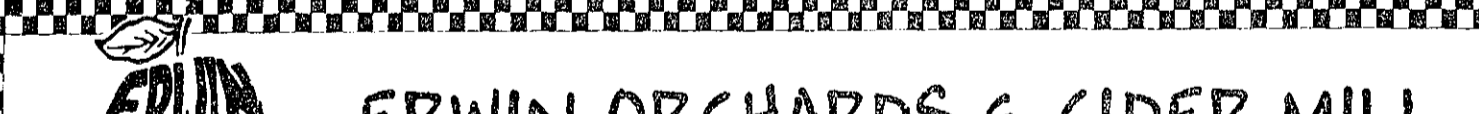
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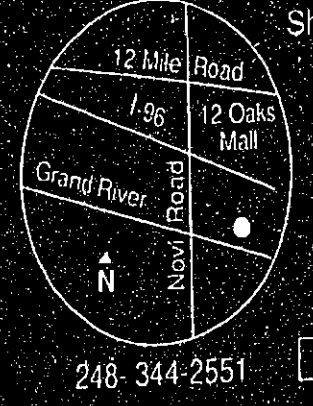
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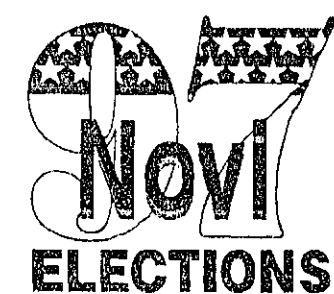


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Candidate wants to make her mark on city



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 McLallen contending Markham's not a "team player."
 "The fact that I was not reappointed to the planning commission because I was not a team player says to me the government is not as open as I would like it to be. I'm willing to support the majority if I'm in the minority, but I think everybody should be able to be heard," Markham said.
 "I never did or said anything that I would consider to be not part of the team. I asked what I would consider to be relevant questions, based on the information I had. If we the citizens on the governing boards of the city don't ask questions, then we're not doing our jobs."
 One of the times when Markham didn't run with the majority concerned the revision of the city's residential unit development ordinance, as requested by the Harvest Land Company. Markham, on the commission's Implementation Committee, backed a 1000 rewrite they proposed.
 This version, not adopted by the city council, asked more of the developer before density credits permitting smaller lots for houses are granted. For example, Harvest

is totally leveled before building. Instead, she'd like to see a home's site carved out of the lot, leaving trees behind.
 "One of the things I hear from residents is, 'have you seen it, they tore everything down?' When you're talking a 900-acre subdivision, you shouldn't be with a bulldozer," she said.
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 Don't call Markham a tree hugger, although as City Sound den mother she leads nature hikes.
 "It's not just the woodlands we're worrying about, it's the wildlife habitat, the water quality, the erosion control. These are big issues," she added.
 Her view is that the also city needs to offer incentives to developers for providing recreation in major residential projects.
 "That's one of the things I feel Novi has not done well as it's green. You look at a subdivision the size of Chase Farms and think why don't they have tennis courts,

a swimming pool, a club house, all put in place by the developer?" Markham said.
 "I think it's unrealistic for a city of almost 50,000 residents not to have recreational facilities."
 That comes back to Markham's split with the pool committee. The former legislator said she's not surprised the ballot question to locate the aquatic facility at Power Park has become highly controversial.
 "It's a natural reaction of people nearby, when something's going to be built, to fight it. There's a lot of support elsewhere in the community," she said.
 "I'm absolutely for it. That's why it needs to be on the ballot... Their information is not necessarily accurate and they have taken things out of context."
 The committee did their research, she said. The citizen members decided against an indoor pool, which would have cost about \$11 million, after residents at several public hearings said they wanted an outdoor place for family summer fun.
 "If you want people to use it, you have to put it somewhere convenient. That's why Power Park is the best site," Markham said.

"I encourage people to understand both sides of the issue and make a decision. Trust in the facts, the committee did our homework. We felt the facility would be viable or we would not have proposed it."
 In a first try for Novi City Council, Markham is in the position of a novice local politician backing a hot issue.
 "It's going to cost me some votes, but it's also going to give me some votes. It's an issue I feel strongly enough about that I was willing to work for it," she explained.
 Markham said she considers herself a problem solver.
 "I think Novi can do a better job of becoming the community we all want to be. We need to stand up for ourselves and get what we deserve," she said.
 "Our job is to be the citizens who work with the developer to arrive at a decision that benefits both."

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 ■ Up for grabs on Nov. 4 are three four-year terms on the Novi City Council. Running are incumbents Hugh Crawford and Ed Kramer, as well as challengers Gwen Markham, Laura Lorenzo, Michael Meyer, Joe Toth and Eric Krieger.
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City council race is still wide open as election time nears

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 ahead of the crowd and establishing themselves as an identity."
 Meyer also may have an edge. In 1995, he was the first runner up in a council race where nine candidates vied for three seats.
 "I'm not a prognosticator. I can give you two for sure. Kathleen and Craig," Kramer said.
 "There's not much real busts for judgment. The real test is whether the voters go to the polls."
 Lorenzo sees the two incumbents as having a competitive advantage.
 "I think I have a pretty good chance at it, given my name recognition and exposure on cable TV," she said.
 "Politics are change. Everybody

has a chance. I sure don't think the incumbents or myself are anywhere near a shoe-in."
 Toth concedes Crawford's name is known.
 "There's hardly a person who has anywhere near the name recognition I've got, except Hugh," Toth said.
 "I think the real struggle is for everybody else to get out there and get known... Basically, most of the candidates have pretty much the same old tired line, 'stay the way the council's been doing it.'"
 Markham and Krieger also point to Crawford as a candidate to contend with.
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quite a bit of support. I think I have support. It's hard to say," Markham said.
 Crawford believes a lot of people have yet to make up their minds.
 "There's a lot of issues out there," Krieger added.
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Mayor McLallen addresses 'myths' in election interview

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
 Staff Writer

Mayor Kathleen McLallen's biggest fight is battling myth vs. reality.
 "Novi's not affordable? Not true, said McLallen, you can buy a condominium under \$100,000, a house under \$200,000 or live in an apartment for a few hundred dollars a month.
 Novi's city hall is overflowing with money? False again, she said. "Everybody presumes it's a cash cow that can afford to give you everything in services," she said further. "Novi's blessed in that a lot of things are happening."
 It took McLallen a good two terms to immerse herself in understanding the process. In addition, the council has gone from one of "personalities" to one "overshadowed" by the death of councilman Tim Pope and subsequent appointments to a council that she said can disagree but still progress in a forward direction.
 "We don't all agree but we like and respect each other," she said. In addition, she wants to be around for the "changing of the administrative guard." City Manager Ed Kriewall is nearing retirement, as are many of the senior members of city management, she said.
 "It's not a glamour issue but it's the heart and soul of where we're going," she explained.
 Another non-glamour issue is ordinances. They are too cumbersome and can be ineffective, she believes.
 For example, what happened to



Right and Haggerty, she asked. The community has not failed to express disappointment in a commercial development some call unattractive.
 "But they did everything we asked them to do," she said.
 McLallen said she adheres to the political school of thought that when elected, the people choose you to make the best decision for them instead of the second school of thought that an elected politician decides based on what the electors approve.
 "It's not to leave people out," McLallen explained. "But each election people choose someone who will speak for them."
 She said she's learned she can't fix everything she thinks is wrong with government or change other's viewpoints.
 "You have... a white horse complex coming into an elected position," said McLallen. "Then reality screams at you... It's a challenge not to roll over and play dead."
 "I'm really and truly here because it's an incredible opportunity to be part of making a city," she said.
 "I go by 'Is your having been here going to make the slightest bit of difference?' and I would have to say 'Yes,'" she explained.
 McLallen is proud to be a part of



Kathleen McLallen stops to view some of the construction efforts on Novi's Main Street.

numerous ground-breakings and ceremonies in the city. She also has a sense of humor about her position, as evidenced by her ability to pick up a shovel and dig during the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape build or slide down a slide at the Rotary Park opening.
 "I tend to be irreverent. I don't take myself too seriously," she said.
 McLallen is more than "Madam Mayor" which is what keeps her grounded, she said.

"I have so many aspects to my life," she explained. "Being mayor is not my whole life. I view it as a big responsibility."
 Married 27 years to a Chrysler executive, the couple has four sons, a daughter and a dog. She doesn't attend her book club enough and her garden looked not-so-good this summer but that's OK, she said.
 "I've had a great life in that I've had a terrific education, have a wonderful great family who not

only tolerates this... but has been encouraging... and not seen me a lot of times. And financially, both business and family needs allow me to do this."
 McLallen is a real estate agent with J.A. Delaney & Associates in Northville.
 "I have my professional life good. I still get a lot of enjoyment helping people find houses. That work, for them, I tell (Noviville Mayor) Chris Johnson I get to run the bag and I get to sell his city," she said.

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State battle resumes over boat launches

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

State Rep. Penny Crissman is resuming the years-long battle of lakefront property owners to keep public boat launches off their waters.

"This is my fifth year," the Rochester Republican told the House Conservation Committee Oct. 8. "They (Department of Natural Resources) just come in like Stealth bombers."

"It is not my intention - and never has been - to prohibit lake access to the public," she said. "The boating industry has been very harsh, and my bill. They say, 9,000 boats would not be notified."

Jim Marlow, an Orion Township association representative, said, "We're basically sick and tired of every other year, being on the hit list. We strongly feel we should be part of this formula."

Crissman's formula is to amend the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act to make it more difficult for DNR to acquire and develop public launches. Her bill would require that DNR:

- Hold a public hearing in the county where the site is proposed, assuring local owners a chance to dominate the hearing. Hence the industry's charge that boat owners wouldn't be notified.

- Base its findings on "the preponderance of testimony."

- Calculate whether the maximum projected use of the lake

would result in environmental degradation.

Chairman Tom Alley, D-West Branch, said the committee would take more testimony before considering Crissman's bill.

"MICHIGAN United Conservation Clubs" is opposed. DNR is naturally opposed," he said. Favoring the bill were the village of Lake Orion and Addison Township in northern Oakland County, he said.

Virginia Mouch, an owner on Torch Lake in Autram County, said DNR bought residential property for another launch when already there are two state launches, three commercial launches and two township launches available. One of the commercial launches was for sale and could have been bought by DNR, she said.

"DNR violated the zoning. Their project would have required dredging. Had the Crissman bill been in place, at a minimum, DNR would have had to show the impact of dredging," Mouch said.

She cited an April 1995 report by Sen. Mat Duraskiss, R-Lake Orion, that recommended requiring DNR to abide by local zoning, though it admitted that the DNR contends townships would "zone out" boat launches.

Refer to House Bill 4363 when writing to your state representative. State Capitol, Lansing 48900. Regular meeting time for the House Conservation Committee is 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays in 425-426 Capitol Building.

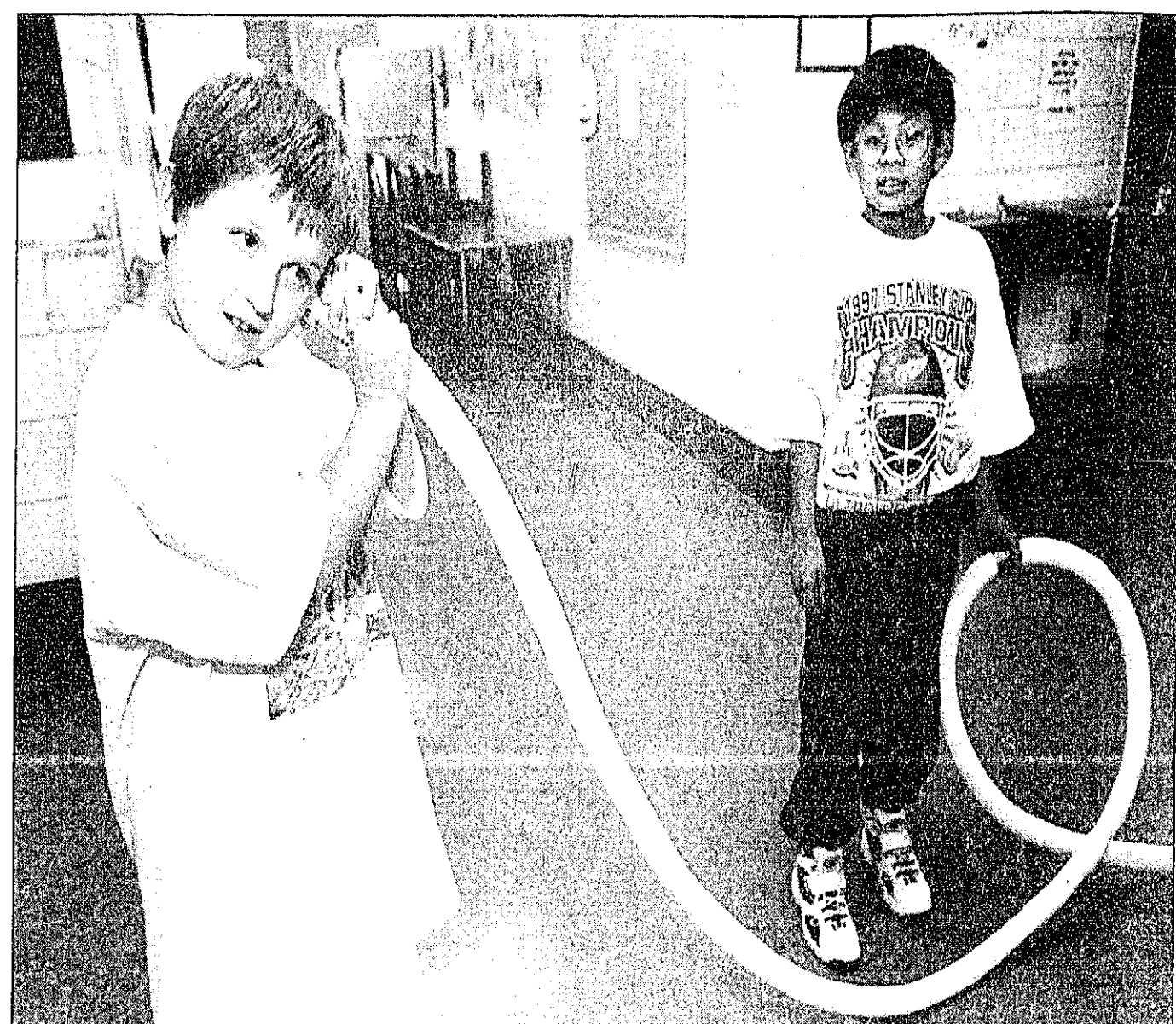


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During last Friday's Wonderama Science Assembly at Novi Woods Elementary School, Daniel Wosik, left, listens in at the end of a long tube to see if he can hear a number being whis-

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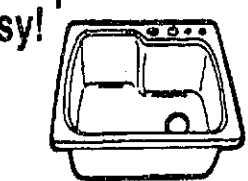
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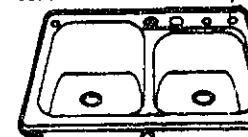
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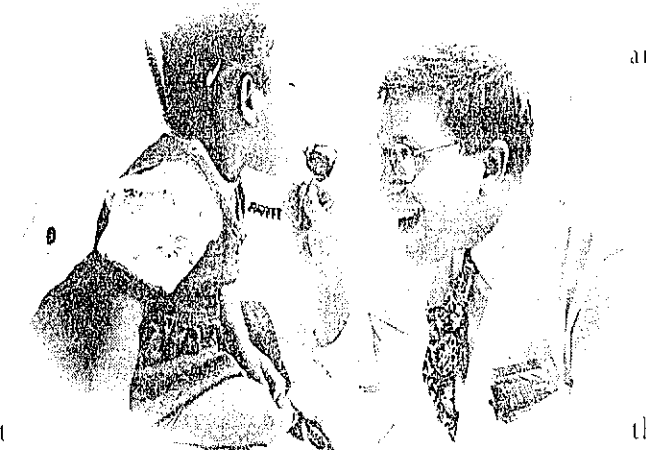
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N'ville school board upholds suspensions

Emotions ran high during a heated debate at the Northville Board of Education meeting Monday, Oct. 13.

The conflict centered around the district's student code of conduct and how the code enforces Northville's "zero tolerance" policy against drug and alcohol abuse.

More than 50 residents, administrators and concerned parents filled the seats in the Old Village School conference room. Well over half seemed to support demands that the board rescind the code to allow appeals for suspensions of 10 days or less.

Others voiced their support of the code as it stands, which denies appeals for suspensions of 10 days and under.

"The debate was sparked last month when three students were caught in a truck on the Northville High School campus with beer. All three were given the same punishment, though they claim they were involved to different degrees."

"Citizens of this country can appeal any judgment, even one from the IRS, yet there is no appeal at Northville," said Leonard Bertagnoli, a parent and friend of Weyer's. "This situation is just like the KGB in the former Soviet Union. If you are charged, you are guilty, no matter what the evidence."

Bertagnoli asked the board to rescind the suspensions of two of the students and clear their records.

But the board upheld the punishment.

"We know this is difficult for parents. We have looked at this carefully and considered it and we stand behind it," board President Joan Wadsworth said. "We support our code, we support 'zero tolerance.' These are tough rules because we have a problem in our community."

Conflict over the codes has been gaining momentum since Sept. 17 when three seniors were suspended for 10 days and permanently removed from their varsity sports teams after 30 unopened cans of beer were found in their truck on school grounds.

Pastor succumbs to heart attack

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to see how much of the general operation of the church the youth have been a part of," Tyler said. "He was a very wonderful person."

Munro, who is ill and rarely leaves her home, said the pastor frequently visited her.

"He had quite a rapport with the youth groups. He was into all of that. He could sing when he had a chance to. He knew his music," she said.

Rev. Vandenberg's funeral was Wednesday at Orchard Hills Baptist Church. Officiating were Rev. Kenneth Sharp and Dr. Charles Dill.

Memorial donations may be sent to Orchard Hills Baptist Church, 23455 Novi Road, Novi, MI 48376.

Oct. 9, at St. Gerald Church in Farmington. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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

She is survived by husband, George; sons, Robert (DeLana), Donald (Marie), and Richard; and daughter, Louise (Eland) Holled. Services were held on Thursday.

Memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated.

Obituaries

ANNETTE M. LAPOINTE
Annette Marie Lapointe, 83, died Oct. 7, at Providence Hospital in Southfield. She was born May 27, 1914.

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10:30 a.m. — The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. — Christian Singles Today
11:30 a.m. — Candidates Forum 1997 Novi
12:00 p.m. — (cont'd)
12:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
1:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. — Fall Harvest
2:00 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Kathleen Azarovian
2:30 p.m. — Women on the Move: HMO Neglect
3:00 p.m. — A Culinary Adventure: Gnapolis
3:30 p.m. — Seary Tales From Novi
4:00 p.m. — Candidates Forum 1997 Farmington Hills
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. — Lawyers Roundtable

TUESDAY, TUESDAY, OCT. 21
10:00 a.m. — Legislative Forum
10:30 a.m. — Specs Profile
1:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Joseph Antoini
1:30 a.m. — (cont'd)
2:00 p.m. — Summit University
2:30 p.m. — Drawing Men to Christ Company
3:00 p.m. — Lansing Connection
3:30 p.m. — Consumer Corner: Daycare and Nursing Homes
4:00 p.m. — In the Studio with By
4:30 p.m. — The Elegant Life: Bed and Breakfast
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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22
10:00 a.m. — Life Matters
10:30 a.m. — Excellence en Route
11:00 a.m. — Patterson and Company
11:30 a.m. — The Capital Report
12:00 p.m. — School of Ministry and Mission
12:30 p.m. — The Way, The Truth, and the Life
1:00 p.m. — Study in Scripture
1:30 p.m. — AMVETS
2:00 p.m. — Restoration Now

Farmington Council Candidates
5:00 p.m. — INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:30 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen
6:00 p.m. — Motorsports: NASCAR Today and Culture
6:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
7:00 p.m. — Fitness Motivators
7:30 p.m. — Financial Strategies: Kathleen Azarovian
8:00 p.m. — Candidates Forum 1997 Farmington Hills
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9:00 p.m. — Let's Talk with Ben Marks
9:30 p.m. — (cont'd)

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12:00 p.m. — Baggies 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 Secret Place
3:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
4:00 p.m. — Law Talk: Joseph Antoini
4:30 p.m. — (cont'd)
5:00 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
6:00 p.m. — Options for a Balanced Life: Effective Discipline for Children
6:30 p.m. — Farmington Middle In Action: Managing Middle School Madness
7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m. — People Who Make Things Happen

THURSDAY, OCT. 23
10:00 a.m. — Fitness Motivators
10:30 a.m. — The Happiest People Alive
11:00 a.m. — Abundant Life Arabic Ministries
11:30 a.m. — People Who Make

FRIDAY, OCT. 24
10:00 a.m. — Law Talk
11:00 a.m. — The Show Me Show with Tatianna
11:30 a.m. — Who, What, Where, Y
12:00 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete
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Officers get national honors

Police recognized for actions at Ford Wixom plant

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Wixom Police Officers Marty Harp and Gary Hamlin were honored Oct. 9 in Washington D.C. for their heroic efforts during the Ford Wixom Plant shooting spree last November.

The two men spent Thursday night at a National Association of Police Organizations Dinner which honored nearly 20 officers across the country for going beyond the call of duty. The duo was chosen from nearly 300 nominations.

"It's hard to put into words," said Harp after returning from his trip. "That's the highest honor I can think of, to be sent with the other

16 officers. I felt like I was in pretty special company."

Harp and his wife, Karen, along with Hamlin and his wife Theresa were flown into the Nation's capital last Oct. 8 for a series of dinners, speeches and other events. After meeting President Bill Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno in the Oval Office and attending a speech in the Rose Garden, the president invited the couples back in for pictures.

"It was excellent," said Harp. "I couldn't ask for a better time... We were treated very well."

The two officers were part of a group of four Wixom officers including Novi resident Officer Al

Blashfield and Officer Gene Parkas who were the first cops to encounter then 29-year-old Gerald Atkins as he ran through the plant shooting off more than 100 bullets from a semi-automatic weapon Nov. 14.

After Atkins allegedly opened fire on the men, Hamlin and Harp chased Atkins through the plant and out near the freeway where Atkins continued shooting.

The suspect was caught nearly five hours after the first shot was fired. He eluded police by hiding out in drainage ditches and tunnels until he was finally forced out. Hamlin has served Wixom for 11 years, Harp for 22 years.

Atkins is charged with 26 counts in the incident including first degree murder, assault with intent to commit murder and felonious assault. Two of the attempted murder charges are for the assaults against Harp and Hamlin.

The Oakland County Circuit Court trial is expected to begin early next year.

Preliminary testimony indicated Atkins was trying to save the woman he loved from the Ford Plant and intended to shoot through the plant in order to get to her. However, the woman was not working at the time of the shooting and told police she had no interest in the man.

Author to join market for cooking course

A Detroit-area cookbook author and college cooking teacher will join Vic's World Class Market as the culinary consultant.

Ruth Mossack Johnston, the author of *The Chantal 56 Auction Cookbook* will promote Vic's Gourmet Cooking Class program with quick and easy sensory demonstrations on Saturday, Oct. 18 and Sunday, Oct. 19.

"As culinary consultant for Vic's, I'll be responsible for coordinating and developing their professional cooking classes, creating and editing a new quarterly in-store magazine and developing products for Vic's signature brand foods," Johnston said.

She serves on the faculty of Maroon Community College Culinary Arts/Hospitality Department and is an active member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals. A regular on TV and radio shows, her writing about cooking has appeared in local and national publications.

Reservations for Vic's Gourmet Cooking Classes can be made by calling Carol Goldard at 395-7333.

Evidence for HSPT is compelling



Phil Power

Last year 87,584 high schoolers took the first-ever Michigan High School Proficiency Test. An event of this magnitude inevitably will attract the attention of the ever-alert members of the Michigan Legislature.

Responding to the usual chorus of complaints whenever anybody tries to do something new with the schools, a special House subcommittee on the HSPT spent several months holding hearings to review a slew of proposals to tinker with the tests.

Some make perfect sense, such as requiring the Department of Education to provide detailed feedback to students, parents and schools and including MEAP and HSPT test scores in annual school improvement plans. Others are more problematic, such as replacing the terms "proficient," "novice" and "not yet novice" with numerical scores that may prove entirely meaningless without context.

The subcommittee has finished its work and reported to the House Education Committee, which has sent a bunch of proposals for perfecting proposals the HSPT to the full House for debate this week.

In the middle of all this, I received a letter from Dorothy Beardmore, a member of the State Board of Education and a stand-

ing monument to the notion that able people, volunteering their time and energy to a public purpose, are the essential ingredient in a democracy. I suppose over the years I've received six or seven letters from Mrs. Beardmore, each thorough, well-informed and persuasively put - just like her service on the State Board.

She begins: "Both the public and the media seem to have forgotten why the HSPT was developed in the first place, so they overlook that it is doing exactly what it was expected to do. The HSPT demonstrates that most Michigan students are doing well in these essential areas of learning."

Mrs. Beardmore then goes on to show that of the 87,584 graduates of the Michigan class of 1997, "from a third to half of them met the very high standards for endorsement (of diplomas). Only six to 11 percent were in the lowest category. The rest were doing well, but not yet at the proficiency level."

"For a first effort with such a rigorous assessment," Mrs. Beardmore concludes, "Michigan students, educators and parents should be pleased, even more so since we already know that the Class of '96 results show statistically significant improvement over the first year. In other words, the HSPT is a success!"

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whether or not pools break even according to a spokesperson for Troy, which has an aquatic center like the one proposed for Novi. Troy operated in the black in 1996. They may not this year because of a cold August. Who'll make up the difference when the Novi Aquatic center operates in the red? Most likely the city will, which means you and me whether we use the pool or not.

"The annual fees proposed for Novi, according to Mr. Davis, are forecast to be about half those charged by private swim clubs, \$200 compared to \$350-\$400. Sounds good, but the reason for this is that private clubs fund Troy (taxpayers) plan for depreciation of their facilities. They do this by setting aside money each year to be used when equipment wears out and needs to be replaced and when repairs need to be made... Where will the money come from in Novi when that happens? Probably from the city - you and me again."

Why is it that most cities don't have a city owned outdoor aquatic center or swimming pool? What do they know that we don't? My guess is they know it's an expensive proposition that raises everybody's taxes for the benefit of a few.

Bill Rice

REAL ESTATE UPDATE
by John Goodman
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THE "FOR SALE" SIGN MEANS BUSINESS

Many people notice a "For Sale" sign in front of a house and call to get information about it. Statistics compiled by real estate firms around the country indicate that the majority of responses to Realtors' advertising comes from calls generated by yard signs, and more buyers come from "sign inquiries" than any other marketing strategy.

A yard sign alerts everyone that a house is for sale - not only potential buyers, but also the neighbors. Often a neighbor will call about a property because they have friends, colleagues or relatives whom they would like to have as neighbors. And it's not uncommon for a neighbor's inquiry to result in a sale. Prospective buyers who call for an appointment after seeing a yard sign already have a positive response to the exterior of the house and are eager to see the interior. If you are putting your home on the market and don't like the idea of having a sign in your yard, talk to your Realtor.

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Proud of neighbors efforts on Ten Mile

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to Doug McCormick's concern that Novi residents living along Ten Mile only want their property "saved" for selfish reasons.

The Ten Mile Task Force, and concerned Novi residents have petitioned city council and Mayor McLallen for over two years to propose the "best" solutions for traffic problems along this corridor. We are not convinced based on solid data that widening the whole two mile stretch to the lanes is the viable conclusion. The task force consists of family members that share safety, environmental and traffic issues. I am proud knowing that my neighbors are so professional in their evaluation of this issue.

Dianne Osgood
Ten Mile Task Force

Letters

arena we didn't vote on. They build semi private roads with taxpayer monies, they did not help us with the clean-up of a major ice storm, they help private interest groups every chance they get, they don't listen to the citizens of this community when we overwhelmingly say no to a municipal golf course. They don't listen when we say we want passive parkland on property we purchased with our hard earned tax dollars. It's time to get rid of all the incumbents to the city council. Vote in an all-new group of people to help this city grow into a community we can be proud of. There are many more infractions upon us the taxpayers this council has imposed, too many to mention in this letter.

Just remember to get out to vote on Nov. 4, and elect the people that will listen to our needs. While you are at the polls, also remember to vote "No" on any new taxes - we pay way more taxes than this city deserves from us - until they can prove to us they deserve it. Don't forget to vote.

Alan Hulslander

Raising taxes to benefit the few

To the Editor:

Last week I watched a presentation on the local cable channel explaining the merits of building an aquatic center in Novi. The two presenters - Dave Sheeran, one of the co-chairs of the Aquatic Committee, and Dan Davis, director of Novi Parks and Recreation - did an excellent job of clearly presenting their views. Their presentation, however, didn't convince me to support the upcoming bond proposal for an aquatic center in Novi. Here's why:

The Novi Aquatic Center would be built with taxpayer dollars. In my view, tax dollars shouldn't be used to build aquatic centers, ice skating rinks, soccer fields, golf courses, etc. This should be left to the private sector and paid for by those who use the facilities.

The Aquatic Center may or may not be self supporting each year. Weather has a lot to do with

Remember to get out and vote

To the Editor:

Time for a fresh start. It's once again time to vote and I urge all Novi residents to get out to vote. But in doing so, do not forget what this current council has done for us. They have given us an ice

inense and chimes that was also a lot of fun. I bought some incense and would like to buy a chime someday.

I enjoyed the crafts inside the building also. The candle booth was especially nice. I was impressed with the amount of food, the variety and the reasonable prices. Also, people running the booths seemed pleasant.

I would not have been able to attend the festival unless there had been no charge for entry. Because there was no admission charge, I was able to attend. I rode my bike so I didn't have to pay a parking fee; therefore, I had money to spend. Thank you for that.

I also liked the availability of the old cars to be viewed in the parking lot. It's fun to get up close to them

and see the interiors.

Also, the dream cruise on Sunday was excellent. I sat at the corner of Ten Mile and Meadowbrook and had a great view of the cars. My favorite was the peach and white old Cadillac.

Please do the festival again next year. It's great fun.

Priscilla R. (Pat) Fisher

Pleased with Michigan 50s Fest

To the Editor:

I attended the Novi Expo Center's 50s Festival on July 25. The tap dancers at 6:30 p.m. were outstanding. I was very pleased at how good they were. The music and dancing were both excellent. The men dancers and women dancers were both cutely dressed and very entertaining.

There was a booth that sold

More dismal news about charters

special education services at the time of our site visit. This PSA had students with special education needs who had been attending the PSA for more than one year without special education services being provided."

Here we come to the most glaring fault of PSAs. Required by law to provide special ed, many don't. As the friends of public education feared, PSAs want real public schools to be their dumping ground. PSA's want to skim the \$5,400 per pupil state aid cream but not the additional \$8,000 or so per pupil that special ed requires.

PSA boards are self-appointed, not elected. CMU is supposed to gather questionnaires from board members to check for potential conflicts of interest. There were no questionnaires for 23 board members, incomplete follow-up for 14 and a failure to identify nine potential conflicts of interest. These persons worked for companies which had contracts with, or were employees of, the CSA. Eight of the nine resigned.

PSAs are supposed to hold lotteries for enrollment. Two had application periods that were less than the suggested two-week period, suggesting less than a true open-enrollment practice - in other words, skimming.

CMU is supposed to send "regional representatives" to PSA board meetings. Reps to 12 of the 13 failed to attend the required number of meetings (three) and failed to collect information on insurance policies, board minutes, etc. CMU had to send six notices to one academy to obtain

its insurance information.

CSO failed to ensure they had written procurement policies. This underlines a major flaw in the whole charter school concept - the possibility of a tiny school operated by insiders seeking favorable business deals.

Two PSA boards did not appoint an individual to post meeting dates as required by sec. 15.265 of the Open Meetings Act.

And what does Central Michigan University have to say in reply? It agreed with 17 of the auditors' 19 recommendations, began to implement them, and acknowledged the other two. By the way, the CMU charter mill has been operating three years.

Currently, state law authorizes 100 public school academies. Their champions say the number should be unlimited.

Advocates of charter schools such as Gov. John Engler and gubernatorial wannabe Dick Posthumus ignore test scores, audits and how well the kids are doing. They say PSAs are good because the parents, parents, parents want them. Well, the parents, parents, parents are being taken for suckers, suckers, suckers.

Instead of chartering more, the state needs to think about shutting down a quarter of these PSAs - for the sake of the kids, kids, kids.

Tim Richard reports on the local implications of state and regional events. His Touch-Tone voice mail number is (313) 953-2047 ext. 1881.

More dismal news about charters

More dismal news about the "charter schools" this time from Auditor General Thomas H. McTavish, CPA.

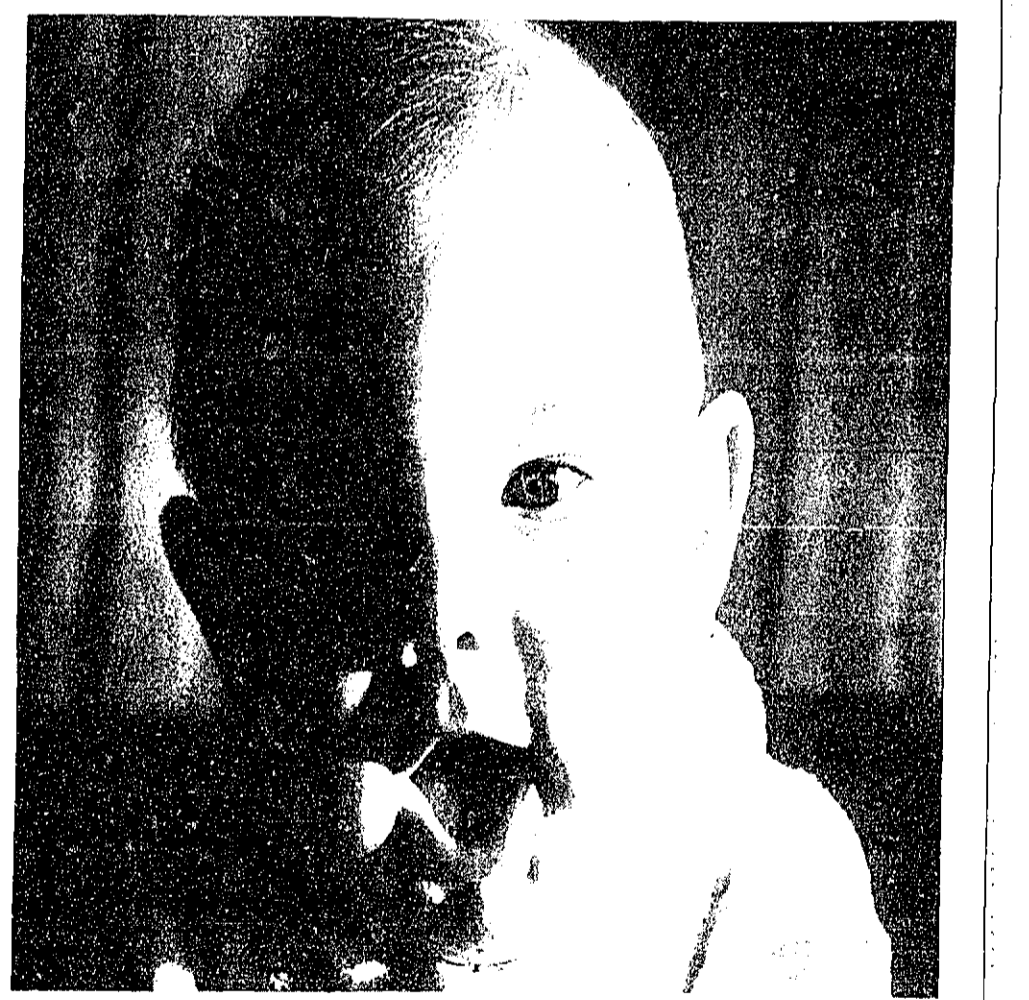
McTavish's office audited Central Michigan University's Charter School Office (CSO), which is supposed to oversee the academies it has chartered. CMU is our leading charter mill, having chartered 40 of the 78 PSAs (public school academies) operating as of May 31.

PSAs, many of them private in origin, get full public funding but zero voter surveillance. McTavish's troops examined CSO records for 13 academies Sept. 11, 1996 and June 5 and visited 10 sites. Unfortunately, they don't say which sites.

Usually, auditors are dreary writers who can turn a narrative of Custer's Last Stand into an opiate. But in the CMU charter audit, many items leap out at you:

- "The PSAs had not obtained criminal records checks for some employees. Also, eight PSAs did not hire some staff as conditional employees pending the results of criminal records checks."
- "Eight PSAs employed individuals to teach who did not have certificates or permits to teach." (Remember, there are 13 in the sample.)
- "One PSA was beginning to provide

Tim Richard



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Writer shares life over lunch

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Many of the Northville Woman's Club members who were present life over lunch—3B

liked, as I think a lot of us did. In some cases that's sort of crippling. It shuts us up when we desperately want to say something. It keeps us in our place when we'd like to do bigger things. It makes us afraid when some new challenge confronts us. I was very afraid of writing a column and agreeing to do this."

And, as she feared, her column - which she likens to a conversation with her readers about love, sex, aging, the waning of love and the meaning of life - hasn't won her any new fans in every instance. Readers talk back through phone calls and letters expressing their anger by hurling insults at her. She has been called ugly, pathetic, elitist, bourgeois, corny, femi-nazi, and a lesbian "like Hillary Clinton." People have criticized her hair, glasses, face, logic, grammar and moral standards.

"At first this stuff really bothered me, it really, truly, seriously bothered me and still does occasionally," she said. "I figured out my readers aren't really angry at me. I am just a face and a phone number that they can connect to and they can call. People are angry about things in their own lives."

When Ager needs stroking, she reaches for the good letters she keeps in a rainy day file.

"I would rather everyone loved me, of course," she said.

"In the beginning I sometimes swung so hard that I struck out," she said. "Now I remind myself that even Babe Ruth struck out more times than he hit home runs. I remind myself that the important

thing is not necessarily my batting average but that I simply stay in the game - up to bat three times a week. I think that is what is expected of all of us - to stay in the game. But not of course without that fear."

Ager still gets anxious about writing a column. She worries not only about how it will come across to readers but how those in the story will react. She still braces herself for calls from unhappy readers.

"I know, intellectually, that my job is not to make everyone nod in happy agreement with me," she said. "But my job really is to coax readers into thinking something new or feeling something new, that's all."

"I want them to feel something when they read my column because when I read the paper I often don't feel anything. I end up feeling quite numb even about some of the most tragic stories."

Ager, who grew up in Dearborn Heights, recently authored *At Heart*, a collection of her columns which have appeared in The Way We Live section of the *Detroit Free Press*.

"Insults are hot but they burn out fast. Kind words last forever," she said.

"When we look around us, the world sometime seems a terrible, cruel, heartless place so I think we owe kind words to each other," she said. "When we look around us we don't often see a world waiting to hear what we have to say, so we owe each other a few minutes of attention."

Above and at left: There's no shortage of ghouls during the season, but there are also story times, carnivals, contests, trick-or-treating, and plays.

Compiled By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

home for a good haunting.

et the ghouling commence. Every weekend through Halloween, someone somewhere is offering a haunted house, story-time reading, a carnival, play or costume and pumpkin carving contest. As the following list suggests, goblins, both young and old, don't have to travel very far from

HAUNTED CARNIVAL: Carnival games, face painting, giant slide, a fun house, a costume contest, and magician will be offered on Sunday, Oct. 26, from 1 until 5 p.m. The day's activity is geared toward children 12 and under. Admission is \$1 per person. Games and attractions are extra.

The Northville Community Center is located at 303 W. Main Street in Northville.

Call (248) 349-0203.

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Spooky Happenings

Spooky activities
around this
Halloween
season



Halloween Safety Tips

- It is very important to be easily seen when trick-or-treating. Drivers can see reflective material from 500 feet away, but white clothing can only be seen from 180 feet.
- Children should go out with an adult or an older responsible youngster.
- Swords or other props should be made of cardboard or Styrofoam.
- Make sure costumes are not too long; that can cause a youngster to trip.
- Use make-up instead of a mask to not block your vision so you can see cars and your walking path.
- If a mask is used, lift it when walking between houses.
- Children should eat dinner or a snack before going out so they are not tempted to eat any treats before an adult can inspect them.
- Do not run in the street, stay to the side of the road or sidewalk and always check for traffic.
- Reflective material should be placed on costumes where it is clearly visible and outlines the human form front to back.
- To prevent wigs and hats from slipping over eyes, wear them off the face and fastened securely.
- Always carry a flashlight.

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Volunteer



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Lynn Speerschneider volunteers in a mentoring program.

Speerschneider is mentoring to moms

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Lynn Speerschneider first learned of the Michigan Catholic Health Systems' (MCHS) Infant Mortality Project from a good friend about a year and a half ago but "wasn't into fund-raising-type work."

Now celebrating its 10th anniversary, MCHS is attempting to reverse the high infant mortality rate in Detroit and Wayne County by offering programs for pregnant women. Programs include the Read Write Now program to provide help with illiteracy; Parent-Infant Partner program which pairs a mentor with a pregnant woman; and the Jubilee program which offers parenting skills.

"I want to get in there and help out," she said. While waiting for the next Parent-Infant Partners training program, she would pitch

in and help in the office, with the golf outing and the volunteer dinner.

The Parent-Infant Partners Program provides information and support to women in the early months of pregnancy and through the first year of the baby's life through a volunteer mentor.

Pregnant women who are eligible to use the program are those who live in Detroit or Wayne County, get little help from others and who feel alone.

"The rewards are wonderful," she said. "The people I work with are fabulous people."

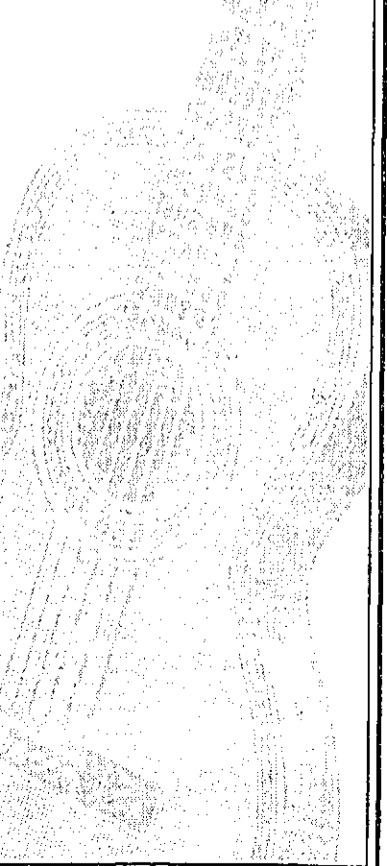
Having completed the training program, Speerschneider has been paired with a 15-year-old single Detroit mother with whom she will work for about 18 months.

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It's A Fact

FLASHBACK

Bob Seger and the Last Heard played at The Cavern teen club in the community building in Northville 30 years ago this month. Admission was about \$2.



Halloween activities can be found all around town

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NORTHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT: The public is invited to a community Halloween party at the fire station, 215 W. Main Street, on Oct. 31, from 6 until 8 p.m. Firefighters will have popcorn, cotton candy, apple cider, soft drinks and other treats.

A costume contest will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Recreation Center. As always, prizes will be awarded for the best costumes in five age groups: newborn to 3 years-old, 4- to 6-years-old, 7- to 11 years-old, 12- to 15 years-old, and 16 and older.

All participants in the costume contest will receive an award.

For more information, call the fire department at 349-1300.

TRUNK-TO-TRUNK TRICK OR TREATING: The Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church at 40700 Ten Mile Road in Novi will have a Halloween party for children from 6 until 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24. Youthful of all ages are invited for food, fun, games and Trunk-to-Trunk trick or treating. A Youth Halloween Party follows at 8 p.m.

The party is open to the public and no admission will be charged. Call (248) 477-6296.

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department Halloween event this year will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi for children ages 12 and under.

The cost is \$2 per person and carnival games will be 25 cents each. There will be candy and refreshments for all. There will also be face painting and a free mini pumpkin for decorating for those in their costume while pumpkins last.

For more information, call 347-0400.

GLENDA'S GARDEN CENTER: A Spooktacular Celebration has been planned for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25 to 26, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Proceeds from the \$1 donation will go to the Novi Lions Club. Face painting, 300 pound pumpkin giveaway, guessing games, clown, color test, pumpkin search, and games are all planned for Glenda's first Halloween Party.

Glenda's Market is located at 40575 Grand River in Novi between Haggerty and Meadowbrook.

For more information, call (248) 471-4794.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY: A Family Craft night for the whole family is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 29. Participants can come anytime between 6:30 until 8 p.m. The library will provide everything needed to create bags, pencil boxes, and door hangers. No registration is required. All ages are welcome but children under three years of age will need adult supervision.

For more information, call 349-0720.

BORDERS BOOKS & MUSIC: Halloween storytimes in October include Judy Sina who will weave tales on Oct. 19 at 7 p.m., and the Bat Conservation Organization which will bring live bats to the bookstore on Oct. 26 at 2 p.m.

Borders Books and Music is located at 43075 Crescent Blvd. in Novi.

For more information, call (248) 347-0780.

VIC'S WORLD CLASS MARKET: An Adult Halloween Cuisine Class will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$25 and includes hands-on instruction from chefs Kirk Hansen and Ruth Mossok Johnson. Attendees will learn helpful tricks behind creating "Jack O'Lantern Curried Pumpkin Soup," "Harvest Hued Kabob," "Candy Corn Polenta," "Ghoulishly Spiced Wild Rice" and

"Dunking for Apple Creme Brulee." Vic's World Class Market is located at 42875 Grand River in Novi.

To make a reservation, call Carol Godard at (248) 395-7333. Tickets can also be purchased at Vic's customer service desk.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST: The American Legion Post 147 will host a pumpkin carving contest at the post headquarters, 100 W. Dunlap, on Sunday, Oct. 26, starting at 1 p.m. There will be a \$2 charge per pumpkin and the entrants will be judged according to age groups. The age groups will be 3- to 6-year-olds, 7- to 11-year-olds, and 12- to 15-year-olds. The 3- to 6-year-old groups drawing the faces on their pumpkins, rather than carving them, the pumpkin judging will take place at 4:30 p.m.

The first place winners in each age group will be awarded a new bicycle, with the runners-up winning biking equipment, apparel, radios and other prizes and certificates.

In addition, a "Guess the Number of Pumpkins" jar contest will be held, where everyone has a chance to guess the number of candy pumpkins in a jar. The winner will receive a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond.

Throughout the four hours of the contest, cider, donuts, and other food will be available. Special "scary" guests will make their visits, a magic show will be held, and there will be music and lots of safe fun for everyone.

In addition to the pumpkin carving contest, Post 147 will be releasing Halloween safety public service announcements and will give away trick or treat bags with Halloween safety tips printed on them.

TWELVE OAKS MALL: The Farmington Community Band Spooktacular Concert is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 26, at 3 p.m. Trick or treating at the stores will be held on Friday, Oct. 31, from 6 until 8 p.m.

Twelve Oaks Mall is located just

north of I-96 on Novi Road. Novi. Call (248) 349-9435.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: A safe alternative to trick or treating is being offered at the 13th annual Halloween for Kids Party at Western High School on Friday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The party is free to all Walled Lake School residents and is open to all preschool through sixth graders. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Costume parades start in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. for preschoolers and every 15 minutes thereafter for each ascending grade level. If you are unable to attend at your grade level's slot, you can join in with another grade level. On the other side of the cafeteria refreshments will be served.

In the gym middle school and high school student volunteers will help with the 50 games that will be set up. There will be candy prizes for all. Volunteers are still needed. Sponsors of the party include the Walled Lake Schools, Commerce Township and Walled Lake Parks and Recreation. Walled Lake PTSA and PTSA Council, the Village of Wolverine Lake, the City of Wixom, Lakes Area Youth Assistance and the Fraternal Order of Police 128.

To volunteer or for more information, call Theresa Morris at (810) 624-8454.

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GENITTI'S: One Very Scary Night - Music, stories and a costume parade. Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes. Tickets to all public performances are \$5.50.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. For general ticket information, group rates and for teachers to arrange for special performance times and prices, call (248) 349-8110.

SILO X: Mutants, green fog, a haunted military helicopter and tunnel assault visitors to the abandoned missile site. Tickets are \$12 and hours are 6:30 until 11 p.m. Thursday and Sunday, 6:30 p.m. until midnight on Friday and Saturday. Located on Grand River in New Hudson, Silo X can be reached by taking exit 159 or 155 off I-96.

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Happy Haunting

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Entertainment listing

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AUDITIONS

TRINITY HOUSE: Auditions for *The Long Christmas Dinner* by Thornton Wilder and *The Sheep's Thief*, an adaptation by Ford Ainsworth of *The Second Shepherd's Play*, will be held on Monday, Oct. 20, and Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. Call backs have been scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22.

There are roles for adult actors of all ages and ethnicity. Performances will be on Fridays and Saturdays, Dec. 5 through 20, at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees Dec. 7, 14, and 21, at 4 p.m.

Auditions will be held at the Trinity House Theatre located at 38840 West Six Mile Road in Livonia.

For more information, call (313) 464-6302.

CHORUS: ConLen Productions is having open auditions for all voice ranges (sopranos, altos, tenors and basses) for the chorus in the post-Christmas production of *Anahad and the Night Visitors*. No previous theater experience is necessary. Auditions will be held on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, 34541 Five Mile Road in Livonia. Rehearsals will start immediately. Performances are scheduled for Dec. 27 and 28 and Jan. 3 and 4.

For more information, call Len at (313) 459-2332.

VOICES IN TIME: Based in Northville, the mini-chorus has begun rehearsals for its annual Christmas season. Limited openings are still available.

For more information, call Ed Meade at (248) 449-6540.

CONCERT BAND: The Novi Concert Band, directed by Jack Kopynick, invites any adult who plays a band instrument to join the band for the 1997-98 concert season. Rehearsals take place on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. and there are no auditions.

For details, call (248) 932-9244.

AUTHENTIC BRITISH BRASS BAND: The Motor City Brass Band is conducting interviews for percussion and BB flat tuba (treble clef) musicians.

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

For more information or to schedule an audition, call founder John Aren at (248) 349-0376.

The home page is: <http://members.aol.com/mcbband/mcbb.htm>

SPECIAL EVENTS

COOKING: Vic's World Class Market, 42875 Grand River in

Novi, will have main floor demonstrations Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18 and 19, by Ruth Mossak Johnston, a Detroit area culinary expert, journalist, lecturer and author of *The Buffalo Cookbook*.

For more information, call Susan Murphy at (248) 528-0007.

VEGAS NIGHT: The Novi Lions Club will present a Vegas Night including black jack, crap tables, roulette, and money wheel on Sunday, Oct. 18, from 7 p.m. until midnight at Vic's World Class Market, 42875 Grand River Avenue in Novi. Admission is \$3. There will be a cash bar and you must be 21 to enter.

Proceeds from the evening benefit Lions charities.

ART FAIR: The third annual Sugarloaf Art Fair will be held at the Novi Expo Center on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 24, 25 and 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Works by 300 artists from 39 states and Canada in 32 categories include pottery, hand-made designer clothing, fine art, 14kt gold jewelry and leather goods.

Demonstrations include crafts people on wheel-throwing pottery, jewelry making, iron forging, paper making and flame work bead making.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, children under 12 are free. Parking is free.

For details, call (248) 348-5600.

The Novi Expo Center is located on Novi Road just south of the I-96 exit.

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

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

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

THEATER

NOVI THEATRES: The Performance Plus acting group presents *The Dining Room* on Oct. 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$7 for seniors and children under 12. Advance tickets are discounted \$1.

Performances are held at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

For details, call (248) 347-0400.

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL: McBeBe family members from the east side have just been awarded the Protologist Clearing House Sweepstakes grand prize and have decided to take a vacation, but no one knows where yet in the interactive dinner theater production of *Vacation: Impossible*.

Performances of *Vacation: Impossible* will be held on Friday and

Saturday and occasionally during the week.

The interactive children's mini lunch show, *Genitti's Weird Science*, offers performances on Saturdays at 11:30 a.m.

Genitti's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For reservations, call (248) 349-0522. Reservations are required.

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FRIGATES INN: Frigates offers live music every Wednesday at 9 p.m. featuring either the 2XL Band or John D. Lamb. The Tim Flaherty Trio with MC Dan McCall will host the Open Blues Jam every Thursday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. All musicians are welcome. Dance with the Globe at 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

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

For details, call (248) 624-9607.

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

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

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

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

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

The Sunset Grill is located on the corner of Thirteen Mile and Novi roads.

For details, call (248) 624-8475.

NEARBY

CRAFTS: The Livonia Family YMCA will host the 13th annual Mulberry Holiday Market on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Applications for crafters are being accepted.

For an application, call (313) 267-2161, ext. 310.

COMEDY: Classic Productions presents *Gallagher, The Living Sewer!* on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25 and 26, at 7 p.m. at the Farmington Civic Theatre. Prices are \$25 and \$20 respectively.

For more information or reservations, call (248) 477-5556.

SCHOOLCRAFT: Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge* will be the season opener for the Schoolcraft College Theatre on Oct. 24. The show will be presented as a dinner theater on Oct. 24, 25, 31, and Nov. 1. Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center followed by the show at 8 p.m. in

the Liberal Arts Theatre. Dinner theater tickets are \$19 per person. Theater only performances will be given on Nov. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m.

Theater only tickets are \$8. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

For ticket information, call the College Bookstore at (313) 462-4409.

STILL LIFE EXHIBIT: The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents a fall still life exhibition featuring Michigan artists Mary Brecht Stephenson and Sharon Sandberg. An opening reception for "Is There Still Life?" will be held on Friday, Oct. 17, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Both painters will speak on their interpretations of still life at a luncheon on Friday, Oct. 24, at 11:30 p.m. Luncheon tickets are \$15.

The exhibit runs through Nov. 7. For reservations, exhibit hours or additional information, call (313) 416-4278.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

JAVA AND JAZZ: Oakland Community College is presenting a four-part jazz series on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Orchard Ridge Campus, Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. The series includes Ursula Walker & Buddy Budson on Oct. 17; Alexander Zantis and Friends on Dec. 5; Sheila Landis Quartet on Jan. 23 and Johnny Trudell on Feb. 20.

Individual performances are \$12 each.

For details call (248) 471-7660.

ART SHOW: The fall exhibit of the Farmington Artists Club will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6, through Sunday, Nov. 9, at Spicer House in Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills. Admission is free.

Hours are 3 until 9 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon until 6 p.m. on Sunday. An artists reception will take place on Friday from 7 to 9 p.m.

For details, call (248) 646-3707.

DINNER AND OPERA:

An evening of Italian regional cuisine including meatballs and bread sticks, fennel-leek soup, salad, grilled salmon or chicken on a bed of lettuce, Alfredo, Italian green beans and tiramisu for dessert begins at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14.

Afterwards, a program of popular show tunes and Italian, French and Spanish light opera sung live by soprano Valerie Yova, Tenor Jack Morris and guitar and vocals from Phil Esser will take place.

Proceeds from the evening will benefit physical fitness programs and activities at Schoolcraft College. Tickets are \$37.50.

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'Devil's Advocate' teams Pacino and Reeves

"The Devil's Advocate" explores an eternal struggle between power and weakness, between temptation and succumbing, between good and limitless evil.

Kevin Lomax (Kevin Reeves) is a success in the courtroom and out of it. He's a young Florida defense attorney who's never lost a case. No matter how repugnant the crime, no matter how guilty the defendant, Kevin Lomax has the power to mesmerize the jury into accepting his arguments, buying into his logic, being convinced by his charisma — and freeing his clients.

Lomax enjoys a happy marriage with his sexy young wife, Mary Ann (Charlize Theron), and even has a good relationship with his straitlaced, churchgoing mother (Judith Levy), despite her pursued lives of her small-town boy-makes-good lifestyle. In fact, things seem just about perfect for Kevin — nearly Heaven on Earth.

But not exactly.

One day Lomax is in court defending an alleged child molester. In order to win his case he has to break down the victim's composure just enough to make the jury wonder if a teenage girl might have lied about her teacher's slung advances. And then Lomax loses — despite his own awareness that his client is guilty as sin.

Soon after, Lomax receives a visitor — an urbane New York attorney (Al Pacino) who explains that his powerful law firm has become aware of the Florida host's arrogant record and would like to meet with him personally — at their very lavish expense.

Over the urgent objections of Lomax's mother, who asserts that New



Al Pacino (top) and Kevin Reeves star in "Devil's Advocate."

York City is the world's nexus of sin, Kevin and Mary Ann head for the Big Apple and a look at the outstanding luxury that life in the big city can offer the fortunate.

And Kevin Lomax meets John Milton (Al Pacino), the man who has summoned him in this extraordinary fashion.

Milton, an earthy, brilliant and charismatic man, is the founder and head of Milton, Chadwick, Waters, a powerful, mysterious law firm with interests and clients all over the world. He's been watching Lomax and he wants him at the firm. He can make Kevin a very enticing offer, he says — a home, a salary, a position in life that no one else can top.

Lomax, dazzled by the gorgeous apartment he's shown, the beautiful women and powerful men at Milton's parties, and the brilliant, accomplished partners in Milton's firm, grabs the brass ring. He and Mary Ann move into their elegant new home and begin a new life.

But as Lomax tastes the power of being a wealthy New York attorney, something in him changes. Winning is no longer just a goal — it becomes an obsession. When Mary Ann starts telling her husband that the other partners' wives are not what they appear, that their life is not as good as it seems, that she's having frightening experiences she can't explain, he reminds her brusquely and ignores what she's saying.

And when Milton's interest in him sees inexplicably generous, Lomax decides not to question it. So by the time he finds himself defending a

wealthy real-estate developer (Craig T. Nelson) who's accused of three brutal murders, Kevin Lomax is flustered by the challenge, not frightened by his growing belief that his client is guilty of an even bigger crime.

Then Eddie Bazoon (Jeffrey Dean Morgan), the firm's managing partner, dies a sudden, horrible death. Mary Ann's terrified perceptions pull her away from sanity. Another law partner, the beautiful Christabella (Comie Nelson), teases Lomax so seductively he can hardly think.

Kevin's mother comes to New York and warns him that the situation has gone too far and there are certain things he needs to know. And through it all, John Milton keeps reminding his protégé that life is rich with possibilities for those who are unafraid to sample them. But Kevin is beginning to be afraid.

Lomax's existence in Heaven on Earth has ended. Now he's stepping into hell. And standing at the gates to welcome him is John Milton.

"The Devil's Advocate" is produced by Aaron Milchan, Arnold Kopelson and Anne Kopelson. The film has a screenplay by Jonathan Lemkin and Tony Gilroy, based on the novel by Andrew Niccol. Warner Bros. will distribute "The Devil's Advocate" worldwide.

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Local runners gear up for marathon

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

At the sound of the gun, over 2,500 people will begin a quest Sunday at the Detroit Free Press/Mazda Marathon.

Some will be on a quest to win the 26.2-mile race, which attracts runners from the greater Detroit area and beyond.

Some will be on a quest to better their own established times and enjoy the grueling, intense test put on their bodies.

And some will be in the race to prove not only to others, but to themselves, that they can accomplish one of the most difficult feats in sports today.

Regardless of the reason, a great number of Northville and Novi residents have signed up for and plan to compete in the race, which is set to begin at 8 a.m. Sunday in downtown Detroit.

Among some of the locals competing in the race, Paul Aufdemberge has to be one of the favorites. The 32-year-old Novi resident led last year's race for 21 miles before being overtaken by eventual winner Mike Dudley of West Virginia. He finished fourth overall, and hopes to better that this year.

"My main goal is to improve on last year's finish," Aufdemberge said. "My strategy is to place as high as I can and my time will take care of itself. His time of 2 hours 24 minutes was a personal best, which includes five marathons.

Northville resident and marathon guru, Doug Kurtis, 45, will be looking to capture the Masters race, which is for runners 40 years and older. He has had plenty of success, holding the world record for under 2 hour 20 minute marathons. Having run in 76 marathons in his 30 years of running, Kurtis has won 39 marathons, including the Detroit Marathon six times. His expectations are different this year than in years past, now that he is coaching he doesn't know who to root for.



File photo

Northville's Doug Kurtis and Novi's Paul Aufdemberge are two of the pre-race favorites.

"I don't expect to win the race, but my hope is that Paul (Aufdemberge) will win it," he said. Doug has been coaching Aufdemberge this year, something he hopes to continue doing in the future.

This Detroit marathon is different than those in the past for Kurtis.

This will be his last for the running pro. Kurtis plans to retire from competitive racing in January and pursue other aspirations.

"I've accomplished just about everything in running that I've wanted," he explained. "Now I want to do some of the things that my normal training schedule wouldn't allow me to."

He said he would like to coach more and he has taken on the responsibility of race director of the Road Runner Classic in Northville.

Randy Step, part owner of Run-

ning Fit in Northville and Novi, has run the marathon seven or eight times in the past, but will not be competing this year. He has devoted more of his time to a steering committee, whose focus is to increase the participation of the open marathon, which has seen its numbers steadily decrease or stand still for years.

"It's difficult to get people to come to Detroit because of the nature of the city," Step said. "Right now it's competing with a marathon in Chicago, which is a destination city. Until Detroit becomes a place of destination, the numbers are probably not going to increase very much."

Running Fit offered a training course to help prepare runners for the marathon. The 10-week training session brought coaches, podiatrists, nutritionists, trainers and many others together to talk about

how to run and prepare for the race.

"I think that appealed to the people," Step said. "It brought some people into the event that hadn't initially planned on participating." Step said approximately 80 people attended the sessions throughout Running Fit's four locations.

For former Northville Running Fit manager Dave Peterson, marathons are a way to test ones physical abilities and limitations.

"It's definitely a challenge," he said. "There's a lot of commitment and you must really have a love of the sport."

Step said Running Fit will be sponsoring an aid station for runners to get water and Gatorade.

If anyone would like to help out at the station, contact Running Fit in Northville at 380-3338 or in Novi at 347-4949.

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