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Wixom officer Al Blasfield, of Novi, dies at 45

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Novi resident and Wixom police officer Alan James Blasfield, known for being the first on any traffic scene and the first to help out a friend, died suddenly Sunday of cardiac arrest at Providence Medical Center in Novi. He was 45.



Alan Blasfield

Any Middleton, a spokesperson for Providence, said Blasfield had been feeling ill and was admitted to the Novi medical center emergency room about 1 a.m. on Saturday. He was evaluated by the staff and transferred to the Providence Hospital in Southfield about 7 a.m. for additional testing. Everything checked out, she said, and he was released Sunday at about 1:30 p.m.

Unfortunately, Blasfield was rushed by ambulance back to Providence in Novi less than six hours later and pronounced dead. The Oakland County Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death as cardiac arrest from a hole in the aorta.

"It's very difficult to detect," Middleton explained, "and sometimes presents itself as unstable angina or chest pain. It is a rare condition."

A Wixom police officer for 24 years, Blasfield was known around the state for being an expert at traffic accident reconstruction and recently gave a pre-

sentation in England to the International Association of Reconstructionists. The officer was president of the State of Michigan's Police Reconstruction Association and was also an instructor for Michigan State University College of Engineering, Highway and Traffic Safety Programs, teaching accident investigation courses.

"Being a police chief, I go to conferences and one of the first things people tell me is, 'Boy, you've got a

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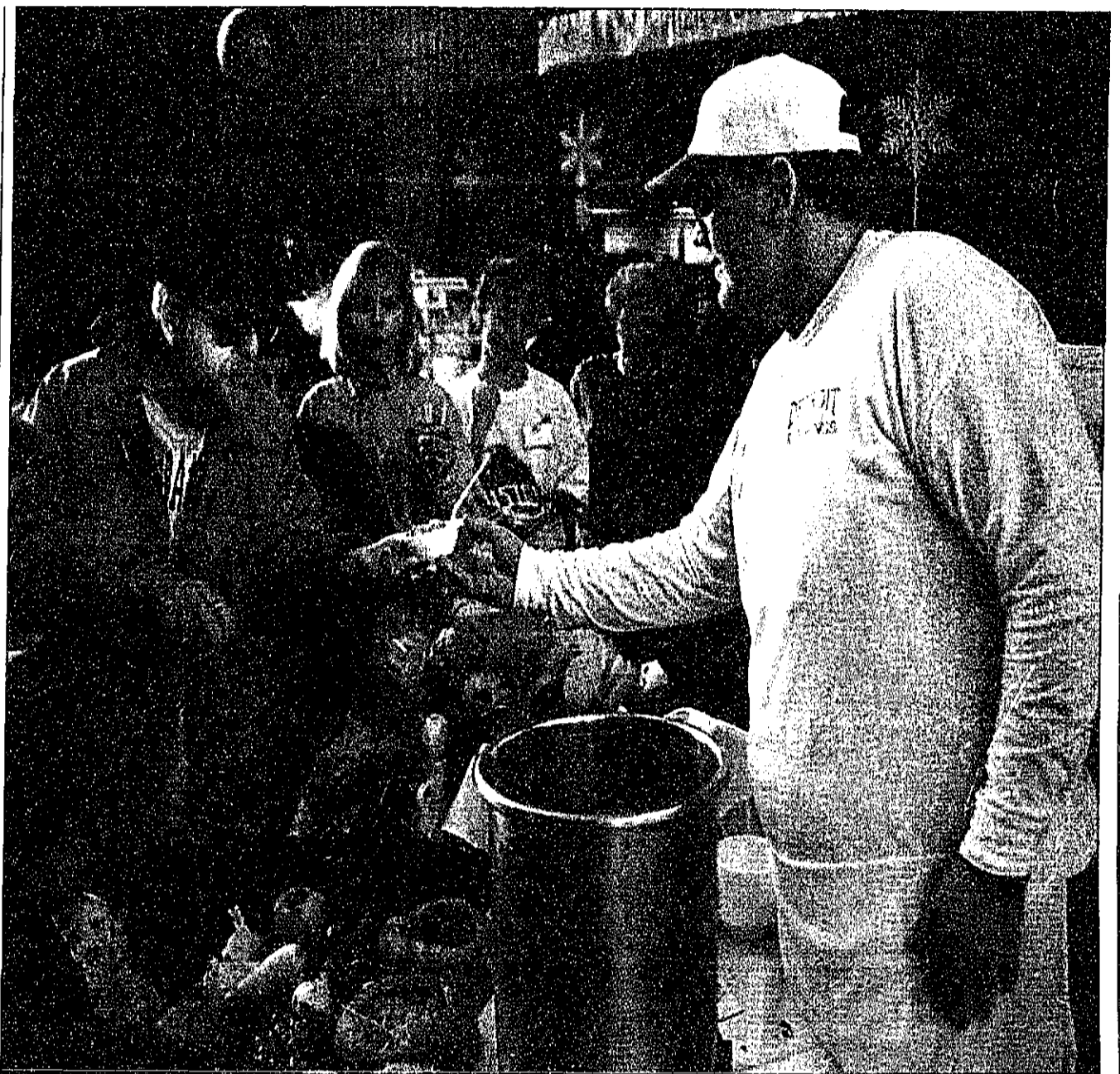


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Getting their fill of Chilly Willy chili

DoubleTree Hotel chef Chewy Lebnick serves up a helping of his White Chicken Chili, his entry in the Chili Cook Off during the Chilly Willy Festival over the weekend at the Novi Civic

Center. Good as it was, Rocky's of Northville was, for the second year in a row, voted the winner of the Cook-off. More photos of the festival appear on page 13.

Man confesses to baby's death nearly 10 years ago

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Perhaps haunted by the memory of his 11-month-old daughter choking to her death on a plastic ice cube, Gary Lee Burns confessed last week to police that he had shoved the item in her mouth to stop her from crying. Novi police said this week.

"He was very remorseful," said Detective Paul Stulgross. "He's been carrying it around for ten years. It was like he wanted to get it off his chest."

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Detective Paul Stulgross
Novi Police

was interviewed by police Jan. 22 and arraigned on second degree murder charges in 52-1 District Court in Novi last Friday. A preliminary examination to establish evidence is set for tomorrow at the courthouse.

There is no statute of limitations on murder, Stulgross explained, and Burns could get life in prison if convicted.

At the time of the incident, Burns lived in the Chateau Estates mobile home park with his wife. He is now divorced, but has two other children, ages 6 and 9, who live with the woman. He is now in the Oakland County Jail, unable as of yet to post \$500,000 bond or 10 percent.

Burns, who now lives in Flint,

Homeowners opt for city water

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

This time last year, owners of 700 new homes in 23 Novi subdivisions were hit with the news that they were required to hook into city water, because the state-imposed water moratorium had been lifted.

Protests to the Novi City Council followed, but as of December 1997, 656 of those houses were on city water.

"It's going to be nearly 100 percent, we're showing," Water Department Superintendent

Bruce Jerome said.

"If somebody was adamantly against it, and they sold their home, the new owner connected."

He predicted that as newer residents became tired of servicing water softeners, they'd contract for the city service, as well.

In February 1997, many homeowners who had invested money in water softening systems for their wells signed petitions asking that the mandatory hook-in ordinance be waived. They faced upfront fees and plumber's bills.

The regulation required each home to be on city water within 120 days after the state lifted the moratorium, but the council decided to relax that and make the connections voluntary.

"I think the issue was the government telling them what to do and setting a date," Jerome said.

"I think most of the people got some additional time to arrange their finances so it wasn't a burden. Once they were able to work that

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Puppy love

Volunteer raises dogs to aid disabled

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The minute she held her new Golden Retriever puppy, Jennie, in her arms, Mary Ann Grutza said her heart began to break.

It was love at first sight, but Grutza also knew their relationship will be a brief one. Jennie's destined to be a working girl, who will help a person with disabilities lead a more independent life.

She's the first "foster puppy" Grutza has raised for Paws With A Cause, a national organization that trains hearing and service dogs. When the pup, now three and a half months old, is 15- to 18-months-old, she will leave the Grutza home at Nine Mile and Tall Road forever.

Parting will likely be more difficult for the foster parent than the puppy, Grutza said.

"If you're doing your job, you've got a nice, happy dog that's happy with anybody, not to say you're not sad, but that's too bad for you," she added.

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Mary Ann Grutza finds it hard to think of giving up her puppy, but once trained Jennie's job will be to help the disabled.

Photo by HAL GOULD

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Novi Youth Hockey holds first sign-up

Kids who want to play hockey at the new Novi Ice Arena — and their parents who will be footing the bill — can sign up for the new local sport on Sunday.

Novi Youth Hockey will hold its first registration at a Feb. 8 open house from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. Registration fees are \$100 for residents and \$125 for non-residents.

For hockey parents like Tony Nagorsen, the new facility, expected to open this summer, is more than welcome. He trucks his five hockey-playing children to rinks throughout the metro Detroit area.

"Hockey has been a long time coming to Novi and it will be nice to minimize driving," Nagorsen said.

Roger Jaussi, chairman of the Youth Hockey Committee for Community Clubs of Novi said some 788 youngsters are expected to join the program.

"Based on the feedback, and it's been extremely positive, I expect we will have even more than that who want to play hockey," he said. "It should be a big turnout. That will really get the ball rolling."

While the winner of the contest to name the Novi hockey teams and create a logo for them will not

be announced at the open house, participants will get a chance to check out the entries.

Jaussi added that the hockey organizers hope room will be found for every kid who wants to play.

But interested players are urged to sign up on Sunday.

"With limited spots, we wanted to have a single point of information to answer all questions and then offer the opportunity right then and there to register and guarantee a spot in Novi hockey," said Tom Kenny, who handles finance and registration for Novi Youth Hockey.

At the open house, stations will be set up addressing an assortment of related topics:

- An initiation program for those who have never played ice hockey before.
- The arena's own in-house teams for more experience players.
- Travel teams available for competitive players.
- Equipment.
- Coaching.
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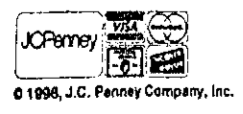
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Drunk driver faces stiff penalties

The third time was not a charm for a 34-year-old Farmington Hills woman whom police arrested Jan. 25 for a third drunk driving offense, according to police.

A patrol officer spotted the woman's Buick Regal weaving down Haggerty Road about 1:30 a.m. and tried to pull her over. However, she continued to drive down the road to a gas station where she appeared unaware of police as she got out of the car to go into the store.

Police questioned the woman, who said she had a few beers at a friend's home and had been dancing. After failing some sobriety tests, she registered a 0.20 percent blood alcohol content, twice the legal limit, police said.

She was arrested and held at the police station until a morning arraignment on the charge. Her passenger, a 42-year-old An Greesman, took a taxi home to her house.

Police said the woman had prior drunk driving convictions in 1990 in Seline and in 1996 in Monroe.

PISTOL PERMIT
A 36-year-old Novi man was arrested on an outstanding warrant Jan. 26 after he came into the Novi Police Department to request a pistol permit, police said.

When running a criminal background check for the permit, police found the violation of probation warrant out of Southfield and arrested the man, who said he was unaware of the warrant. He was released on \$500 bond.

Police News

SNOWY SCENE
Speeding down a snowy road and running a red light got a 20-year-old Shelby Township man arrested Jan. 26. That and his three outstanding warrants, police said.

A patrol officer followed the man's car as he drove 55 mph in a 40 mph zone about 2 a.m. When the car pulled over for the stop, police smelled marijuana. None of three men in the car, two 18-year-olds from Rochester Hills were passengers, could produce identification.

They were placed in the back of the patrol car, where a microphone picked up the men laughing about giving the officer false information. The officer requested the man to be truthful, however, did not give his correct name until after he was arrested for interfering with a police officer.

The officer found two outstanding warrants out of Sterling Heights for larceny and a liquor offense and a warrant from the State Police in Saginaw.

He was detained at the Novi police station until Sterling Heights Police arrived and he was issued a ticket for speeding, running the light and obstructing an officer.

EMBEZZLEMENT
Novi police are investigating a Boston Market employee who allegedly stole \$30,000 over a one-month period from the store.

The corporate offices reported the money had never been deposited as directed into the local bank

DEAD END
A 16-year-old Novi High School boy facing felony charges of fleeing and eluding an officer after he

ducked into Cedar Springs subdivision, Jan. 27.

Police noticed the teen speeding on Grand River Avenue at nearly 1 a.m., past the city curfew and attempted to pull him over. However, the boy drove into a neighboring subdivision. Police caught up with the teen who drove down a dead end street.

The teen apologized for running and said he was afraid because he didn't have his driver's license with him. Police impounded the vehicle and called the boy's mother to pick him up. The case was turned over to the detective in charge of juvenile cases.

MISSING DOUGH
The manager of Pizzeria Bread told police nearly \$500 in cash went missing from the store safe the night of Jan. 7. According to a report, the closing manager said she remembered locking the safe with the money in it, yet the morning manager found the safe locked but no money. Police continue to investigate.

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Novi Briefs

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Fun on Ice

The 5th annual Walled Lake Ice Festival will feature ice sculptures and raise money for the Food Bank of Oakland County and the Friends of the Foster Farmhouse.

It will be held on the grounds of the Walled Lake Community education building located at 615 N. Pontiac Trail in downtown Walled Lake on Saturday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event will feature more than 50 sculptures and live carving demonstrations by professional ice carvers on Saturday, Feb. 7.

Saturday's activities include: Frigate's Inn annual softball tournament on Walled Lake beginning at 9 a.m.; a card show from 10 a.m.-4 a.m.; a craft show, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; basketball, rollerblading and volleyball from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; a spaghetti dinner Saturday night hosted by St. William's Dad's Club and "The Off-the-Wall Acoustic Coffeehouse" will be held on a St. William's Upper Zeph Hall from 8-11 p.m.

Sunday's activities will include a pancake breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus from 9 a.m.-noon, Dogey's Bar & Grill's annual Polar Golf Invitational on the Lake Frigate's Inn Softball Tournament, a craft show from noon to 4 p.m.; basketball, whiffleball, volleyball from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; and the "People's Choice" judging from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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NEWSPAPERS

Last year busiest yet for fire runs

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Although no major commercial or industrial fires broke out in 1997, last year was still the busiest year ever for the Novi Fire Department. Chief Art Lenaghan said.

The department went on 2,629 calls, just under a 9 percent increase over last year. Fire losses were \$1.249 million, well under the \$2.3 million racked up in 1996.

While there were no huge fires wreaking damage in town, smaller incidents of destruction - as well as being personal tragedies for the families who lost a home - added up.

"We had a few house fires, a couple of mobile home fires, but when you burn up a car today, that costs \$5,000 to \$10,000," Lenaghan said.

"Last year, we had Matsun's, we had a factory fire, apartment fires," since 1990, the number of calls made by the department has increased by 76 percent primarily due to an escalating rate of emergency medical responses. In 1997, the department responded to 1,518 medical calls, a 4 percent more than in 1996 and 75 percent more than in 1990.

Last year, Novi saw 181 fires; the previous year the number was 226. Lenaghan said the widespread use of smoke detectors in Novi has been a major influence in reducing

fires early.

"Keep those things up and maintained. There's been a big impact over the past ten years in reducing fires and the number of people killed and injured," he said.

Carbon monoxide detectors are also doing the trick, he added. Last year, the department had several carbon monoxide related calls. Most incidents were not significant.

Lenaghan said the department is willing to come and check out at no charge carbon monoxide and smoke detection equipment.

"It's just part of our customer service program," he added.

The fire department is also performing far more service calls these days than in the past. In 1997,

department members went out on 333 service calls, 26 percent more than in 1996 and 100 percent more than in 1990.

Not only did the fire department change its uniforms in 1997, but all employees were furnished with new helmets that comply with national standards. In addition, the radio system was upgraded.

Last year 26 paid-on-call firefighters were hired, but Lenaghan noted in his monthly report that vacancies still exist at two fire stations.

Public education was offered by the Novi Fire Department: 97 classes were attended by 4,017 people.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ON THE RUN

Since 1990, the Novi Fire Department has seen a 76 percent increase in the total number of annual runs. While the number of fires in the city has not fluctuated as drastically, medical emergency responses by the department rose by 75 percent.

Year	Fires	Medical	Total runs	Losses
1990	181	863	1,490	\$203,000
1991	226	1,039	1,774	\$835,000
1992	209	1,087	1,775	\$1,315,000
1993	186	1,212	1,903	\$750,000
1994	236	1,287	2,099	\$1,228,000
1995	211	1,507	2,452	\$770,000
1996	217	1,457	2,413	\$2,300,000
1997	178	1,518	2,629	\$1,249,000

Money was flowing at leukemia event

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

The generosity of the community will help a Novi family afford to embark on a journey for a cure for cancer.

The Doug Carroll and Family benefit hosted by Kosci's Taverna and Eatery Jan. 28 raised \$28,500 for a bone marrow transplant search for the 47-year-old father of two who is battling a two-year fight with non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

"I was so overwhelmed by the number of people who were there," said Sheryl Carroll, his wife of 22 years.

"When I think of all the people hugging and talking to us, I've never felt so much support and warmth."

Friends, family, co-workers and people the Carrolls had never met attended the dinner and silent auction with guest auctioneer, Joe Falls, Detroit News columnist. Falls is the father of Sheryl's friend, Kathy Collings, who also helped organize the event.

"Kathy did a wonderful job.

Kosci's did an outstanding job. The food was so good," Sheryl said.

Nearly 180 people registered, but some simply dropped off donations. Kosci's, where Sheryl is a manager, donated the dinners and drinks; staff gave their time and tips. All proceeds went to the Carrolls.

A signed Steve Yezerman Red Wings hockey jersey was bought for \$2,100. An autographed Barry Sanders Lions jersey went for \$2,500. Doug Carroll's fellow employees raised about \$2,500 in donations and his employer Motorola of Farmington matched that.

"Doug couldn't believe the number of people who were showing up. And the guys he's worked with over the years who were there, that was very special to him," his wife said.

Organizers of the event, including restaurant owners Doug Kosci and Ed Sapp, hoped to get enough to cover the \$5,000 to \$10,000 initial search process.

"We were saying if we raised five grand we would do pretty good," said Novi resident Larry Brandon, who helped out. "It showed Novi is a real caring community."

Brandon is on the board of the Leukemia Society of America.

Now that the Carrolls have the financial backing they need, they meet with their doctor this week to begin the search process.

According to Brandon, there are 2.1 million people in the national bone marrow registry. The Leukemia Society works to encourage more people to donate blood for testing. Only if there is a match is bone marrow withdrawn. That, said Brandon, isn't as painful as many perceive it to be.

THANK YOU

In appreciation of everyone who helped out with or donated to the benefit:

"The Carroll Family would like to sincerely say 'Thank You' for all your kind thoughts and prayers and contributing toward our journey in a bone marrow search for Doug."

Doug, Sheryl, Rachel and Ryan Carroll

Euthanasia on ballot backed

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Merian's Friends, the group advocating a Physician Aid in Dying law, has won one victory in the Michigan Legislature but still is raising money for petition signatures to put the issue on the Nov. 3 ballot.

"This issue must ultimately be decided by Michigan voters," said Rep. Ted Wallace, D-Detroit, chair of the House Judiciary Committee. His panel on Jan. 27 reported on House Bill 5474 on an 11-6 vote.

Merian's Friends is named for Merian Frederick, who had Lou Gehrig's disease and ended her life at 72. Treasurer is Carol Poesch, her daughter and a Northville resident.

"Ted Wallace is in tune with the

wishes of the people of Michigan," said Dr. Ed Perce, the Ann Arbor physician and former state senator who chairs Merian's Friends.

Paul A. Long, Michigan Catholic Conference spokesman, said 38 states have assisted suicide.

"The time has come for Michigan to enact a statutory ban against assisted suicide," said Long.

The measure banning assisted suicide is Senate Bill 200. It was passed last year by the Senate and reported out by the House Judiciary Committee. The ban would be temporary until 10 days after the Nov. 3 election unless voters approve continuation of the ban.

Even if it passes the House, HB 5474 is dead on arrival in the Senate. The Senate Judiciary Committee rejected its contents. The bill would allow physician aid in dying (PAD) for an adult who has been certified mentally competent, given advice on alternatives, and is certifiably within six months of death; it also requires a seven-day waiting period.

Here is the status of its petition drive to put its bill on the ballot:

- 247,127 valid signatures were needed within a 180-day period.
- 55,000 have been collected by volunteers; 16,000 petition forms are in circulation.
- The group is hiring National Voter Outreach of Carson City, Nev., to collect 275,000 signatures at \$1 apiece.
- Merian's Friends can be reached at 1-888-217-0700.

Obituaries

RUTH M. COOK
Ruth M. Cook, 84, died Jan. 22, at her residence in South Lyon. She was born April 3, 1913, in Amber, Ohio, to John and Bessie Ruth (Peckins) Gotro.

Mrs. Cook lived most of her life in the area. Before retirement, she was employed by the Novi public schools as a cafeteria manager. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Novi.

Survivors of Mrs. Cook are: sons, Kenneth D. of Elk Rapids, Dennis B. of Traverse City, and David A. of Highland; daughter, Linda Measel of South Lyon; brothers, Michael and Allen Gotro, both of Plymouth; sisters, Florence Pamalotto of Wixom and Norma Asborno of California; 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cook was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Cook.

Services were held on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at St. James Catholic Church with the Rev. James Cronk officiating. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville.

The family would appreciate masses to the church.

Thomas R. and F. Catherine (Roman) Eddy
Mr. Eddy retired as an assistant vice president of Detroit Bank & Trust in 1966 after 45 years of service. He was a long-time member of Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi.

He is survived by his wife, Rena of Redford Township; daughter, Dr. Barbara J. Campbell of Livonia; two grandchildren, Kimberly (Thomas) Campbell-Kymbal of Northville and Douglas Campbell of Dallas, Texas; and two great-grandchildren, Leah and Drew Voytal of Northville.

Services were held on Friday, Jan. 30, at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. The Rev. E. Neil Hunt from Meadowbrook Congregational Church was the officiant.

Memorial contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family.

Janel of Novi, and Robert (Tyler) of Arizona; daughters, Sally (John) Short and Joan (Earl) Iversen, both of Northville; 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, B. Roy, in April 1984.

Services were held on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Our Lady of Victory Hospital with the Rev. Ernest Forant officiating. Serving as pallbearers were her grandsons, Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home Inc. of Northville.

Memorials to a charity of choice would be appreciated.

TIMOTHY Z. HAIGHT
Timothy Zane Haight, 35, of Novi died Jan. 28, in Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. He was born Dec. 27, 1962, in Portland, Ore., to Earl and Judith (Salavsky) Haight.

Mr. Haight was a salesman for EZ Sales & Marketing.

He is survived by his parents, Earl and Judith Haight of Novi; sister, Carla (Larry) Way of Bartlett, Ill.; brother, Scott of Grand Rapids; and grandmothers, Mildred Salavsky and Ethel Haight, both of Portland, Ore.

Memorial services were held on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Northville Christian Assembly with the Rev. Otis T. Buchan officiating. Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

Memorials to the Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167 for the prevention and recovery of addictions would be appreciated.

NORA D. GITTINS
Nora D. Gittins, age 90, of Walled Lake died Jan. 27 in Providence Hospital in Southfield. She was born July 1, 1907, in Llanbrynmair, North Wales in Great Britain.

Mrs. Gittins retired in 1980 from the Production Rubber Co.

Surviving Mrs. Gittins are: daughter, Irene (Richard) Stojak of Walled Lake; two grandchildren, Janice (David) Harding and Kenneth (Julie) Stojak; and two great-grandchildren, Christopher and Steven Harding.

Services were held on Friday, Jan. 30, at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home with the Rev. J. Cyrus Smith, Faith Community Presbyterian Church of Novi, officiating. Interment was in Grand

Lucille A. Keys, 82, died Jan. 29, at her residence in Novi. She was born April 17, 1915.

She is survived by daughters, Debbie, Darlene (Tom) Gopowsky, and Florence (Tom) Sampson; son, Lawrence J. (Patricia); 12 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence.

Services were held on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Holy Family Church in Novi. Interment was in Oakland Hills Cemetery. Arrangements were made by O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, Northville.

Memorials to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

HOLLIS C. FLAVIN
Hollis C. Flavin of Northville died Jan. 28, at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. She was 84. Mrs. Flavin was born Nov. 22, 1913, in Rock Island, Ill., to Martin and Katherine (Dawson) Sage.

Mrs. Flavin was a homemaker and resident of the area since 1951. She was a member of Our Lady of Victory Church.

She is survived by sons, Donald (Stel) of Seattle, Wash., Martin (Robin) of North Carolina, Michael

ULIN WARD JONES
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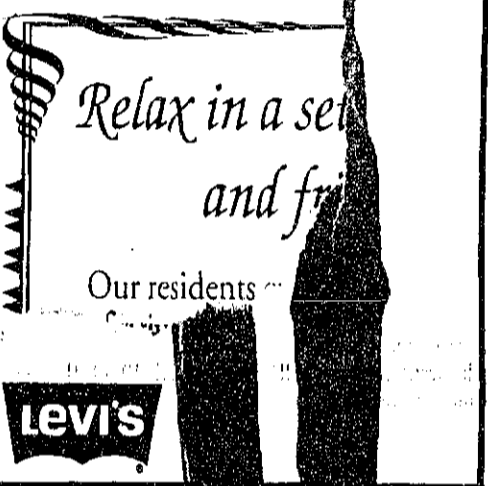
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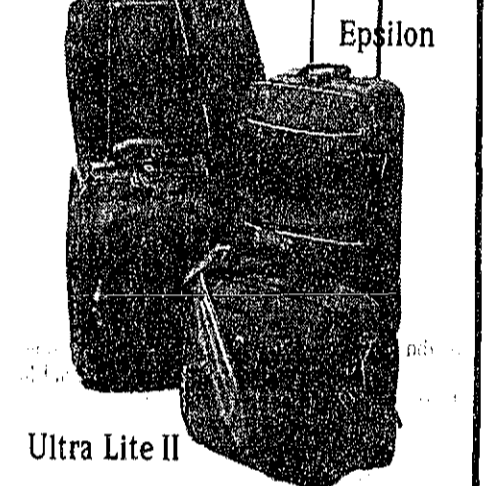
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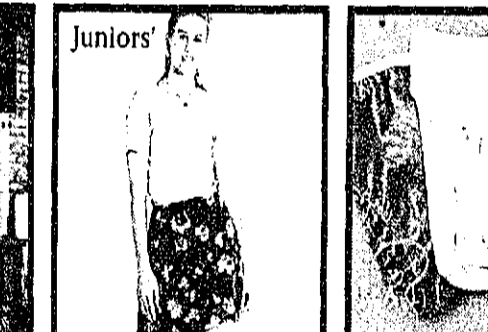
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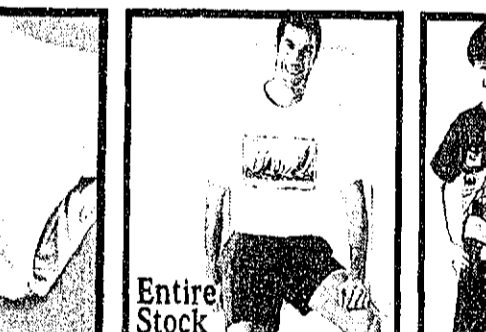
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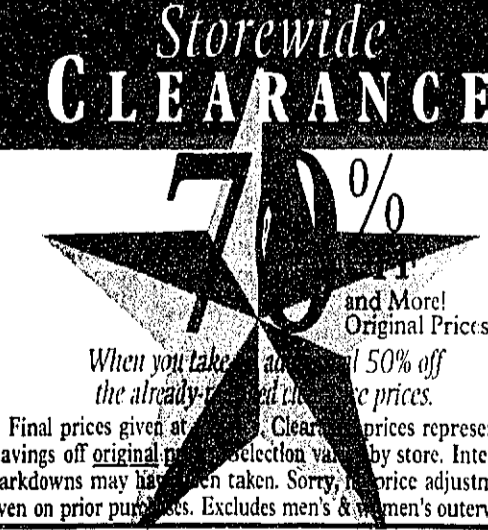
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10:00 a.m. - INFO TV-12 News
10:30 a.m. - The Cutting Room Floor
11:00 a.m. - Christian Singles Today
11:30 a.m. - Cosby and Company
12:00 p.m. - Motorsports: The Life of an Indy Car Mechanic
12:30 p.m. - (con't)
1:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
1:30 p.m. - A Culinary Adventure: Relish Grille
2:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies
2:30 p.m. - Ask the Pharmacist
3:00 p.m. - Extreme Ski and Snowboard
3:30 p.m. - (con't)
4:00 p.m. - Creature Feature
4:30 p.m. - (con't)
5:00 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
5:30 p.m. - Lawyers Roundtable
6:00 p.m. - School of Ministry of Mission
6:30 p.m. - Bags and Talk with Tracy
7:00 p.m. - Critter Connection
7:30 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News
8:00 p.m. - Farmington Hills Police Journal: Arson Investigation
8:30 p.m. - Change the World of a Child
9:00 p.m. - Lausing Connection
9:30 p.m. - Groove Session

1:00 a.m. - Law Talk
1:30 a.m. - (con't)
2:00 p.m. - Restoration Now
2:30 p.m. - Christian Singles Today
3:00 p.m. - Consumer Corner: Winterville
3:30 p.m. - Groove Session
4:00 p.m. - Critter Connection
4:30 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News Magazine
5:00 p.m. - The Show Me Show with Tatiana
5:30 p.m. - Home for Life: Drywall Techniques
6:00 p.m. - Iditarod
6:30 p.m. - (con't)
7:00 p.m. - Adventures with Pirate Pete
7:30 p.m. - Cosby and Company: Linda Taylor
8:00 p.m. - Novi Street Beat Live
8:30 p.m. - Who, What, Where, Y
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4:30 p.m. - (con't)
5:00 p.m. - Shaarey Zedek Productions
5:30 p.m. - (con't)
6:00 p.m. - Oakwood Healthcare
6:30 p.m. - Just for the Health of It
7:00 p.m. - Consumer Corner: Winterville
7:30 p.m. - Farmington Hills Police Journal
8:00 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
8:30 p.m. - Christian Singles Today
9:00 p.m. - Law Talk
9:30 p.m. - (con't)

FRIDAY, FEB. 13

10:00 a.m. - The Last Mattanza: Part 5
10:30 a.m. - (con't)
11:00 p.m. - Home for Life: Venering
11:30 a.m. - Now You're Cookin'
12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. - To Be Announced
3:30 p.m. - The Show Me Show with Tatiana
4:00 p.m. - Fitness Motivators
4:30 p.m. - Let's Talk with Ben Marks
5:00 p.m. - (con't)
5:30 p.m. - Cosby and Company
6:00 p.m. - Special Blend: Valentine's Day
6:30 p.m. - Groove Session
7:00 p.m. - Financial Strategies
7:30 p.m. - People Who Make Things Happen
8:00 p.m. - Bags and Talk with Tracy
8:30 p.m. - INFO TV-12 News
9:00 p.m. - Law Talk
9:30 p.m. - (con't)

Flu bug buzzing through schools

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

There's a bug in the air and it has shut down schools in Oakland, Macomb and Lapeer counties.

Novi Christian School, on Eleven Mile Road, closed its third through twelfth grades Monday morning due to teachers catching the flu virus, according to Administrator Pastor Gary Elmer.

Of course, the 40 students total in those grades are taught by two teachers and several assistants, so when the two teachers are sick, it really throws a wrench in the day, he explained.

He said the two teachers in charge of the kindergarten, first and second grades continued to hold classes for those 18 students. In addition, the daycare program stayed open, however there were some students out with colds or pink-eye, he said.

"We have the normal things going around the daycare that go on in any daycare," Elmer said. "The other grades were expected to be back in session Tuesday, he said."

"The kids love to come to school so they don't want to be off any more than they have to," he said.

Novi High School reported no problem with the illness, although this time last year the high school students were out in large numbers due to flu-like symptoms.

Dolores Vetro, secretary at Novi Middle School, said students have

been out sick, but no more than usual for this time of year.

"I don't think it's to excess. We have it all the time," she said.

Vetro explained when students are sent to the office with bad colds or the flu, she recommends they call home so they can rest and recuperate faster. And also so they don't spread the germs to other students.

"It's so contagious," she said. Jackie Lawrence, principal at Novi Woods Elementary said the numbers of students getting sick in class or sent to the office is rising, he explained.

"The flu bug is starting to hit us a bit at Novi Woods," she explained. "The numbers are rising a little higher than usual with the flu and symptoms like a fever and upset stomach."

She said this time of year, the school newsletter carries information to allow parents to judge the severity of the illness. Parents who see that their child is acting lethargic or lacking in appetite might want to consider keeping them at home. Rest and liquids will help, she said. And keeping them home, if possible, will stop the spread of germs through the classroom.

"But sometimes there is no warning," she added.

"The flu can hit so suddenly," Lawrence said. "It isn't necessarily a case of the child being sent to school sick. It's like lightning sometimes."

Daycare center to work with neighbors about fence dilemma

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

A variety of picket and wrought iron fences will keep children safe, and hopefully neighbors pleased, according to a plan for a daycare center on Ten Mile Road west of Taft Road.

The 8,300-square-foot facility was special land use approval from the Novi Planning Commission Jan. 21, after designers were told earlier in the month to come back with a better fencing plan for the 28,000 square foot playground

area fronting Ten Mile. Commissioner Michael Watzka voted against the plan.

The originally proposed 6-foot high chain link fence was unacceptable to planners, who said it was not aesthetically pleasing and instead suggested a picket fence or wrought iron. And arguments that a chain link fence already exists along Ten Mile Road on the adjacent property were not applicable, commissioners felt.

Despite Children's World representative Steve Schwartz's promise

to heavily landscape the area, he was told to come back with another plan.

In addition, Schwartz was told by city consultants he would have to put up a brick wall to the adjacent property to the east as screening instead of a berm. The berm, consultants said, was too heavy for the sewer lines underneath the area.

But one resident was unhappy with the plan, saying the building would destroy her view of the Catholic church across the street. Since she moved into her Simmons Orchard she's enjoyed a wide open

"I think it's very unfortunate and I'm worried about the in and out traffic," said Gabriella Guy, who lives next to where the playground would be built. "Also the noise that will come with the daycare. A daycare should be a place where children can release energy. But I don't feel comfortable having that behind my house."

The fencing as well as the building will impede her view of the Catholic church across the street. Since she moved into her Simmons Orchard she's enjoyed a wide open

view of a field in her backyard. Is there a way, she asked, to position the playground so it's not so close to her backyard?

While the overall plan stays the same, Schwartz and city consultants will work with homeowners to find a solution which meets everybody's needs.

Commissioner Bob Churella said there had to be a way to compromise and be reasonable with Schwartz.

"What we're doing here is nickel-and-diming this guy," he said.

CMU rapped by house committee for oversight of chartered schools

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Gleeful Democrats said "I told you so" as the House Education Committee took up the auditor general's scathing report on how Central Michigan University weakly supervised its public schools.

"It greatly concerns me," said Rep. James Agee, D-Muskegon. "That CMU claimed the attorney-client privilege 34 times (in holding back documents from the auditors). The people have a right to know. The attorney-client privilege is OK if there's pending litigation (lawsuits), but this is totally ridiculous."

Michael Mayhew of the auditor's staff said using the attorney-client privilege was rare. Richard Stafford, the administrator who supervised the CMU audit, legged off answering what

might be in the hidden papers because "we can't say what the documents contain if we did not see them."

Agee, a former school superintendent, asked about a reported March 1997 meeting between CMU officials and Art Ellis, state superintendent of public instruction, to discuss the responsibilities of chartering bodies such as universities. "We don't know what happened. Nothing came of it," Agee complained.

"The audit report said only that 'there had not been any substantive issues resolved regarding oversight.'"

Public school academies (PSAs), commonly called "charter schools," were part of the 1994 school reform package. PSAs were pushed by Gov. John Engler, many legislative Republicans and conservative ideologues such as the Mackinac

Center. Most Democrats and some Republicans supported the bills only grudgingly, fearing they would be a tool for funneling state aid to former private and parochial schools. They also feared chartering authorities would fail to keep a close eye on the fledgling PSAs.

Rep. Alan Cropsy, R-DeWitt, sought to defend PSAs by suggesting they were being judged by standards different from public schools. "The charter schools were fighting for survival against the whole public school establishment," Cropsy, whose brother-in-law is headmaster of Noah Webster Academy, a school denied PSA status.

"It (the audit) didn't get to the heart of what students were learning," Cropsy said. "Two Democrats contradicted him. Rep. Bob Brown, D-DeARBorn

Heights, pointed to audit findings that: "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," as required by state law.

"Eight PSAs employed individuals to teach who did not have certificates or permits to teach."

One PSA "had students with special education needs who had been attending the PS for more than one year without special education services" being provided.

The audit said CMU needed to improve its monitoring of PSA boards for "potential conflicts of interest" - such as being employed by the PSA or doing business with the PSA. CMU "had not timely identified potential conflicts of interest for nine board members."

"Two PSA boards did not appoint an individual to post meeting dates as required by ... the Open Meetings Act," the audit went on. Seven of 10 failed to file all their board minutes, the official records of board actions.

Asked how CMU officials responded to the auditors' criticisms, Stafford replied, "They took it seriously. They were quite concerned."

But Rep. Rose Bogardus, D-Davison, disagreed sharply. "Here's how CMU responded in a news release - 'It was about the cabinet paperwork and documentation, not about performance of schools. CMU is not taking it seriously,' she said.

The elected State Board of Education was prohibited from issuing charters. So far, 68 of the 78 authorized charters have been issued by universities; 67 of the 68

were issued by universities whose boards were appointed by the governor. CMU has issued 40 of the 68 university-granted charters. Among nearby CMU-chartered PSAs are:

In Oakland County - Manogian School in Southfield, Academy of Detroit East in Oak Park, Academy of Detroit Oak Park, Academy of Detroit Southfield, Oasis Academy in Southfield.

In suburban Wayne County - Academy of Detroit Westland, Thomas Gist Academy in Westland, Michigan Automotive Academy in Taylor, Summit Academy in Taylor.

In Livingston - Livingston Developmental Academy and Livingston Technical Academy, both in Howell.

In Eaton - Island Academy in Eaton Rapids.

RV Show set for Novi Expo

The 32nd Annual Detroit Camper and RV Show at the Novi Expo Center this weekend is both a showplace and a history museum. Beginning Feb. 7 and lasting until Feb. 15, the event features more than 300 new recreational vehicles to explore and a historical display with old campers and camping equipment used. The display is presented by Antique Recreational Vehicles out of California and is the same organization which provided authentic props for the Smithsonian's "At Home on the Road" exhibit.

The exhibit will contrast the RV's of yesterday with the highly innovative campers of today. Moving walls, satellite antennas, computer hook-ups and washer and dryers are now staples of many recreational vehicles, according to the Michigan Association of Recreational Vehicles and Campgrounds. RV companies are now building lightweight campers to be hauled by smaller vehicles.

Motor homes and trailers come as low as \$3,500 but can range to more than \$100,000, say representatives for MARVAC. They are popular with families who can keep costs low by traveling by RV.

The show is held at the Novi Expo Center at 1-96 and Novi Road and is open weekdays from 2-9:30 p.m., Saturday noon to 9 p.m., and Sundays noon to 6 p.m. The cost for adult admission is \$6.50 (age 13 and up), \$2 for children ages 6-12 and kids five and under are admitted.

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Novi Youth Hockey OPEN HOUSE

WHAT: An Open House to find out everything about Novi Youth Hockey and register for the '98-'99 Season
WHERE: Novi Civic Center 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd.
WHEN: Sunday, February 8, 2:00 - 5:00 pm
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High schoolers sample college at camp

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Many students at the end of their high school career still have little idea of where they want to go in life. But students at Novi High School who attend Michigan's Summer Institutes are lucky enough to get a chance to learn more about the direction they might be headed.

Summer Institutes are one to two week sessions held each summer by state colleges and universities. Students apply and are chosen to attend based on a variety of factors including grades, essays, teacher recommendations and completed application.

"It's not just science and it's not just the top students," explained Novi High School teacher Bill Dunbar, who coordinates the school's participation. "But almost all of them are the more motivated students."

Last year, six juniors attended the programs studying everything from journalism to genetic engineering. Students work in small groups and complete group discussions, hands-on projects, field trips and simulations.

"They stress group work and leadership," explained Jingqui "Joe" Mei, now a senior. "We would compete with each other. It was a lot of fun. People have to work together to come up with original ideas."

Mei said the groups in his Michigan Tech University work-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Jingqui "Joe" Mei, Susan Yang, Haujung Pak, Stacey Tarpley, and Stephanie Manza, attended Summer Institutes last summer. The programs for high school students around the state helps students explore various careers and topics. Applications are available for this year's sessions.

shop were to design carbon dioxide rockets. "Some of them blew up," he chuckled. "We won."

Fields of study also include computers and math, photography, archeology, dance and movement among dozens of other topics. Participating schools are Michigan

Tech, Madonna University, Eastern Michigan, Alina College, Saginaw Valley State University, Lake Superior State University and Adrian College.

But the weeks aren't just full of all work and no play. Students also get the opportunity to try out new

activities. "I learned how to rappel," said Susan Yang, who attended Lake Superior State University for engineering. "We stayed in dorms and got really close," she added. Part of the experience, the literature explains, is to expand the stu-

dent's horizons. "It was cool," said Stephanie Manza. She attended Madonna University for genetic engineering. Manza said she recommends students take the opportunity.

"It's stuff you don't learn at school because there's more time there to spend on one thing. And you had more equipment there that we don't have at school," she added.

The other students who attended the Summer Institutes last year were Rossel Chang, Hai Pak and Stacey Tarpley who all went to Madonna University.

The total cost of the program is \$750, however the state pays \$500. Dunbar said the Novi Community School District typically sets aside hundreds of dollars to help cover the students' costs. In some years students have had to pay only \$50.

Dunbar said Novi is unusually lucky because it often sends more students than the state-wide program allows for the district. According to a quota system, Novi can send four students. But he often sends in four or more alternates who typically are accepted.

Students fill out the applications and submit them to Dunbar who chooses the students he will send onto the next state, screening by the Intermediate School District.

"Our students have beaten the quota system, the kids have been such great candidates," said Dunbar.

TRY IT

Now is the time for students from Novi High School apply to attend one of six Michigan Universities for a Summer Institute.

High school sophomores and juniors stay and study a chosen topic, from music and writing to engineering or biotechnology for one to two weeks. For more information call, Bill Dunbar at the high school at (248) 449-1500.

* Now until Feb. 13 — Applications available at Novi High School.

* Feb. 13 — Applications due to Novi High School.

* Feb. 20 — Student applications due at Intermediate School District.

* March — Final review of all applications by ISD. Applications due at Summer Institute Office.

* Late April — Notification letters sent to schools and students.

All cloning aside, house says

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Michigan would join the parade of states outlawing human cloning — and even research on human cloning — under three bills passed by the House of Representatives.

The bills would allow permanent lifting of the medical licenses of guilty doctors, provide for \$10 million in civil fines, set up 10-year prison sentences, and ban the use of state money for human cloning research.

Rep. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, a co-sponsor of the bill, said: "With Dolly (the Scottish sheep) and now the two calves here in America, cloning is no longer considered science fiction. We must not the possibility of a scientific advancement lead us to the reprehensible act of human cloning."

Faticia Godchaux, R-Birmingham was the only Republican to oppose the measure. "We'll end up (as we did) with assisted suicide — people running

between states to get what they want," she said.

Godchaux added that said she opposes human cloning but thinks it would be best handled uniformly by a federal law rather than a patchwork of state laws.

Godchaux and other opponents said human cloning is so far in the future that there should be no rush to pass a state law now. "The key bill, requiring the loss of medical licenses for offending doctors, passed 92-11 with six absent. Ten Democrats and Godchaux cast the no votes."

The bills don't prohibit licensed health professionals from engaging in assisted reproduction technology, including invitro fertilization.

"Remove my name as a co-sponsor," said Rep. Mary Schroer, D-Ann Arbor.

"I was for this until I read the bill. We're going to wind up with 50 different (state) laws. It should be up to the federal government."

Rep. David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, said the House committee failed to bring research interests into the debate. "There is a mood state act, but it is not what we have here. There needs to be a dialogue rather than a knee-jerk reaction to one doctor (in Chicago)," he explained.

Refer to House Bills 4846, 4962 and 5474 when writing to your state senator, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

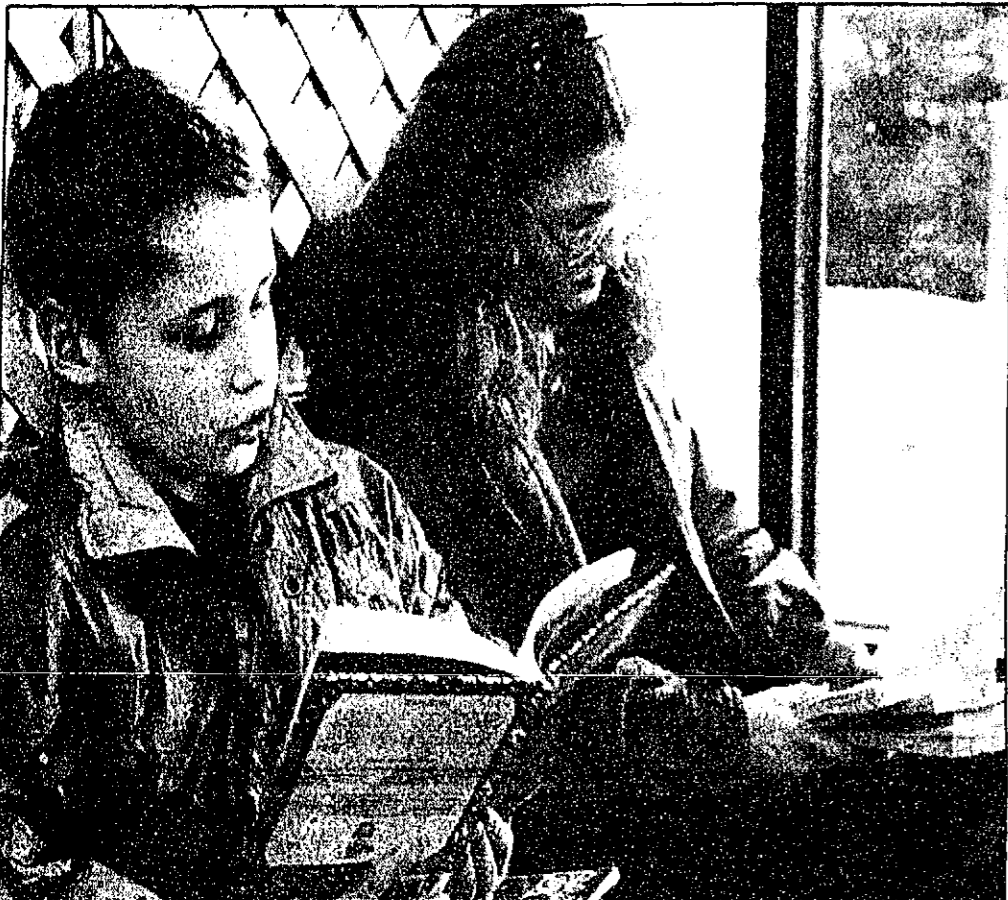


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Nothing like a good book

Avid book readers Daniel, 7, and Sarah Baker, 11, take advantage of a cool, cloudy day to visit the Novi Public Library to check out a few books. The Bakers live in Northville and went to the Novi library because the Northville District Library was closed for remodeling.

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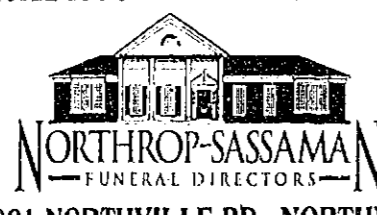
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by John Goodman
Coldwell Banker Preferred

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When a dispute between a buyer and seller about whether a fixture is included in the sale of a house goes to court, several rules are used in deciding the case.

The most critical test is whether the item is permanently attached to a structure or land by means of nails, bolts, screws, cement, glue or other permanent attachment. If it is attached, it has become a fixture and has been converted into real property. Wall-to-wall carpets, for example, are attached, but not oriental rugs.

If there is nothing specific in the sales contract about a fixture, it is automatically included in the sale. Sellers may sometimes think they can substitute a cheap replacement for an item they want to remove. In that case, the intent of the sellers might be determined by consulting the multiple listing service descriptions and the information sheets given to buyers.

To avoid misunderstandings, home sales contracts should specify what is included or excluded. For example, the contract might include electric garage door openers, floor coverings, window treatments, combination doors, awnings, light fixtures, TV antennas, outdoor plants and trees.

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Volunteers sought to raise pups

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

For people who think happiness is a warm puppy, Paws With A Cause offers a volunteer opportunity that can be a real treat. What's wanted are families or individuals who are willing to take a new puppy for a year or so before it graduates to serious training as a hearing dog for the deaf or service dog for the blind or service dog for the disabled.

While raising a growing dog can be a lot of responsibility, Lynn Hockstra, Southeast Michigan regional representative and field instructor for the non-profit organization, said most volunteers work full-time and make room for the puppy in their busy lives.

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Fifty to 60 of what Paws calls "puppy families" have already taken on the job in the metro Detroit area, but more are needed. Until the organization began receiving funding from the United Way in 1986, disabled people had a two to five year wait for a dog. That is now down to one to three years.

Socialization is the single most important thing foster "parents" accomplish with their puppy, she

explained. Volunteers take dogs to training classes and a series of monthly organized outings. Once a month, some 20 to 30 puppies and their handlers converge on Twelve Oaks Mall to get the animals used to crowds of people.

When the puppy has matured, it goes on to an advanced course that takes three to six months for a hearing dog or seven months for a

service dog, followed by more training with its new owner.

Paws places the cost of educating a service dog at \$10,000 and a hearing dog at \$5,000.

Mostly, a volunteer takes home a Labrador Retriever or Golden Retriever. Intelligent, adaptable breeds with the instinctive skill to fetch and retrieve.

"They are very friendly dogs that are comfortable being in public and that live to work," Hockstra said.

Since the organization, then named Ears For The Deaf, was founded in 1979 in the Grand Rapids area by Candy and Mike Sapp, some 1,400 dogs have been placed with disabled people nationwide. But the majority of animals find homes in Michigan.

For information, call Paws With A Cause at 1-800-253-PAWS.

Most homeowners opt for voluntary water line hook up

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through, they just came in and took care of it.

The city collected approximately \$787,200 in fees from the owners of the 656 homes. An average payment to the city was in the \$1,200 range.

In addition, homeowners had to have their lawns dug up to make the connections to the water lines and also had to pay plumbers to get the household system running. If neighbors contracted together for the excavation work, Jerome estimated that most families would have had professional charges in the \$600 to \$800 range.

A couple of householders had gone ahead on their own and hooked unofficially into the system and were using the water for free.

"We have gradually been able to catch three to four people. Usually, it was because their neighbors turned them in," Jerome said.

Because most of them had not been on the system illegally for very long, Jerome said the city will not prosecute them, because it would cost more in legal fees than Nov would collect in the unpaid bills.

"My goal is just to get compliance," he added.

Last year, residential use accounted for 58 percent of the water sold by the city and 42 percent was purchased by commercial and industrial customers.

While the moratorium was

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1995	7,585	1,617
1996	7,736	1,498
1997	8,112	1,650

slapped to slow demands on the overburdened water system and possibly put the skills of suburban growth, the impact on development in Nov was actually minimal. Instead, developers sunk wells and continued to put houses up.

Jerome estimated that about half of the homeowners kept their wells for outside water use. A well not used is required to be filled in.

The goal of the state moratorium was to address water pressure problems until a new 72-inch water main running from the Adams pump station in Bloomfield Township to the Franklin pump station in West Bloomfield was completed by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE PERMIT TUP 98-001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Schonheck, Inc. is requesting a Temporary Use Permit to allow the placement of a construction trailer on the job site for Corrigan Moving Warehouse, located on the north side of Grand River Avenue, between Tait and Novi Roads, from February 11, 1998 through August 11, 1998. A Temporary Use Permit may be granted for a period of no longer than six months. A public hearing can be requested by any property owner of a structure located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for temporary use permit.

This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 1998 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 February 11, 1998. (2-5-98 NR, NN 818007)

NOTICE — CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR BIDS STREET TREE PLANTING

The City of Novi will receive sealed bids for the Street Tree Planting according to the specifications of the City of Novi. Bid packages are available at the Office of the Purchasing Director.

Bids will be received until 3:00 P.M., prevailing eastern time, February 26, 1998, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows:

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She raises Paws for the Cause

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"The secret is when you take them back, you come home with a new puppy. You've got this cuddly little bundle of fur. That helps a lot."

While this is her first time as a Paws With A Cause volunteer, she's raised nine canines for the Leader Dogs For the Blind School in Rochester. One of them, Gracie, flunked out because at only a year old, she developed cataracts, a hereditary problem with Golden Retrievers. No problem there: Gracie's eldest son appropriated Gracie.

Ten years ago, Grutza's two youngest children, Lisa, now 17 and Joshua, 19, were become involved in leader dog training through a 4-H program called "Eyes Against Darkness."

Their dog-loving mom was immediately hooked.

For Leader Dogs, Grutza has played "foster mother" to Golden Retrievers, German Shepherds and Labrador Retrievers, but she's partial to Golden.

This is all volunteer work, volunteer work that requires an unusual degree of commitment. Grutza must pay all of Jennie's veterinarian bills. She also attends weekly classes with the dog at the Paws With A Cause training center in Whitmore Lake.

Grutza takes the three-and-a-half-month old Jennie with her everywhere, to the addresser's, the post office, a Novi City Council

meeting and special field trips to the airport and Twelve Oaks Mall. She's a regular visitor at Old Village School in Northville, at the Novi Senior Center and at nursing homes. All the activity and excitement serves to socialize the animal around people and other dogs.

"It's a two-way street. It's good for the people you go to visit, but it's also good for us and our puppy," Grutza said.

"It's a great life, better than a home dog."

A puppy for Paws With A Cause requires more comprehensive training than one destined to be a leader dog.

The foster trainer must teach five commands to leader dogs, basics like "sit down," "come" and "stay." However, assistance puppies need to learn 40 commands. By dabbling a bit of Cheese Whiz on the door,

Grutza has already taught Jennie how to close the refrigerator. The young dog can also turn on the lights.

Jennie is learning how to brace her back because her future owner may fall and need to use the dog to get up. The puppy already has experience in pulling a wheelchair.

Some Paws With A Cause alert deaf or hearing-impaired owners to sounds such as a smoke alarm, a baby's cry or the doorbell. Others work with people who have seizures and not only have the uncanny ability to know in advance when a seizure is coming, but are trained to go for help.

"Service dogs open doors, pick up

objects as small as car keys and credit cards and perform other necessary tasks for owners who have disabilities such as Multiple Sclerosis, Polio, Muscular Dystrophy and Lou Gehrig's Disease.

While leader dogs are not trained with treats, Paws dogs are, with dehydrated hot dogs a favorite incentive.

The handicapped people, all they have is food and their voice. They can't make a dog do anything," Grutza said.

"They work on commands. Leader dogs learn how to make up their own minds."

When Jennie is ready to leave her Novi home, she will go into more intensive training with a Paws With A Cause professional trainer. Her special aptitudes will be discovered and paired off with a new owner and the two will then learn to work together.

Many of the dogs trained by Paws are rescued from dog pounds, although the organization also breeds its own Golden Retrievers.

Bigger dogs are matched with people in wheelchairs, because of the dog's ability to fetch things and open and close doors. Small, yappy dogs are often placed with the hearing impaired. The reason the little breeds are so noisy in the first place is because they are more sound sensitive, Grutza said.

"It just gives you goosebumps when you see what they're doing... They know what all the words are. It's just amazing," she added.

"When they're working, they're working with the person, interpreting their needs. They're totally dependent on the dogs and they have a friend. You see someone in a wheelchair and they have a dog, it's instant popularity."

The important thing for Grutza is training the puppy with love. If a foster family hits or whacks a dog with a newspaper, the animal will be removed from their care.

"Instead of yelling at them for being bad, you tell them the right way to start with. You praise them and eliminate your problems before they start," Grutza explained. "I think they're like little kids. You say no, no, no, all the time and they don't listen to you."

With a leader dog, when Grutza says goodbye, it's forever. With a Paws With A Cause animal, she may be able to visit it occasionally. She also may get to see Jennie while she trains with her future owner.

"It's not like they're sad when they leave us. It's just another adventure. They think they're going to summer camp," she said.

Grutza, a physical therapist, doesn't have a salaried job now. She's thinking about part-time employment, provided it doesn't get in the way of raising puppies to help people.

"The secret to volunteering is pick something you love to do. You couldn't take this away from me if you tried," she said.



Festival takes chill out of February

Great weather for outdoor fun greeted the Chilly Willy Festival at the Novi Civic Center on Jan. 31. A good-sized crowd turned out to take advantage of free hay rides, sledding and indoor games like Euchre, bridge and Score-O. At far left, a crew takes a run down the sledding hill. Above, Rob Pasquantonio carefully works on his intricate ice sculpture. At near left, Kelsey Collins, 6, digs in to a bowl of chili during the Chili Cook Off contest.

Photos by TOM HIBBELN

Gov. leans toward center in address

By TIM RICHARD
Staff Writer

Part campaign document, part vision of the 21st Century, Gov. John Engler's 1998 state-of-the-state speech shows him edging slightly toward the middle of the political road as he seeks a third term.

This year he mentioned several Democrats, including Sen. Joe Conroy of Flint, a champion of smaller class sizes. Twice he said "together," a word Jimmy Carter used in every sentence. Several times he said "teamwork," looking to his right (four left) at the Democratic side of the House.

Engler showed that he understood the "urban sprawl" issue by supporting redevelopment of townships rather than the paving "over" of farmland.

Here is what voters need to watch for:

- Environmental bond issue on the November ballot. Engler is asking \$500 million - \$100 million for cleaning old industrial sites, \$50

- million for state park improvements, \$50 million for clean water.

- Will the Legislature amend it? Will two-thirds of the members of both chambers vote to put it on the ballot? Who will campaign for it?

- Will you vote yes or no?

- Super-majority amendment. Engler dusted off an old anti-tax device, requiring a 60 percent vote in each chamber of the Legislature for any kind of increase in either a tax base or rate. Should taxes, alone, require such a super-majority? Will Democrats give him the votes to put it on the ballot?

- Engler's text (cut from the TV speech you heard) mentioned six Republican senators, including Mike Bouchard of Birmingham and Loren Bennett of Canton; and nine Republican representatives, including Deborah Whyman of Canton, Andrew Rzekowski of Farmington Hills, Greg Kaza of Rochester Hills and Alan Cropsey of DeWitt. The fight to get it on the ballot may become partisan.

- If it gets on the ballot, will you

- vote yes or no

- Fees. Engler's budget for fiscal 1998 asked for \$90 million more in fees. He didn't mention fees in his annual message, just tax cuts.

- Reading tests. Echoing President Clinton, Engler advocated testing pupils at the end of third grade for reading proficiency. Those who fail would have to attend summer school. That will cost money, especially since 51 percent of third graders now score less than proficient.

- What part of the budget will be cut to obtain that money? What strain on the budget will his proposed across-the-board income tax cuts put? How will local school boards deal with the new state mandate?

- Prisons. Far from being a break with the bad old 1980s, Engler actually has continued James Blanchard's prison expansion. Blanchard tripled the prison system size (from 12,000 beds to 36,000). Engler proposes 5,400 new

prison beds. "Keep the crooks off our streets and out of our neighborhoods," he said, by passing the sentencing guidelines out of the House. Will one of those prisons be near you? Will your city council or township board fight it tooth and nail?

"Tonight I propose we cut Michigan's income tax and cut it again... until the tax rate goes the way down to 3.9 percent," he said. Then came the catch:

"The cuts begin in the year 2000, and when fully phased in, Michigan's income tax will be the lowest in a generation." Lawmakers cheered wildly.

To take effect in 2000, the tax cut would have to be passed in 1999. That will be in the next gubernatorial term. Many of the Senate seats will have turned over. Three-fifths of the present House members - at least - will be gone. That's what makes it a campaign speech rather than an agenda item.

Dearborn Heights, stamped the bill's supporters when he asked: "What happens if your brother is out there shooting on your property? I have friends who own land. I want to be covered."

Committee chair Tom Alley, D-West Branch, asked Kukul and Brown to prepare a clarifying amendment that could be added to the House floor when it comes up for a vote, perhaps as early as this week.

Refer to House Bill 5343 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

The committee then reported out

the bill on an 18-0 vote.

In other business, Alley said subcommittees are working on bills to regulate safety of personal watercraft, the so-called "jet skis" that kids use to speed across lakes.

"It will be ready within a week or two," said Alley. "Sen. Jon Osby (R-Saginaw) has a package of bills, too. It will be quite a change in the law."

Refer to House Bill 5343 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

"If you really look at it, people want all students to go to school from 8:30 to 3:30," Bennett said.

School Board president Joan Wadsworth said the responses reflect current research, which shows early high school starting times contradict teenage sleep patterns.

"The research is pretty clear these high school kids should be starting later, and these elementary school kids should be started earlier but we need to get more feedback," Wadsworth said.

She said administrators will consider the PTSA Council's survey when they're faced with adding a full day to the school year next year.

"We need to get some more time in school for our kids under state law so this is very helpful," she said.

Northville tallies results in school schedule survey

By WEISDY WHITE
Staff Writer

Little kids waiting at the bus stop in the dark.

That's a scene that may become more commonplace if the results of a recent survey are considered by Northville school officials.

Elementary students should start school earlier in the morning and high schoolers later, according to Northville parents who expressed their views in a survey conducted by the Northville Council of PTA/PTSA's.

The survey solicited opinions from all 2,865 district families on the length of the school day, the duration of the school year and whether a year-round schedule should replace the lengthy summer break.

Sent out in November, a total of 926, or 32 percent, were returned by the Dec. 16 deadline. A space for written comments was included.

"We're not professional survey writers," PTSA Council member Barb Bennett said. "My only recommendation is that these parent preferences should be high on the negotiation table. Parents had some strong feelings. One of the strong feelings is how the high school going later in the day."

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"The research is pretty clear these high school kids should be starting later, and these elementary school kids should be started earlier but we need to get more feedback," Wadsworth said.

She said administrators will consider the PTSA Council's survey when they're faced with adding a full day to the school year next year.

"We need to get some more time in school for our kids under state law so this is very helpful," she said.

Administrators will take into account the following statistics:

- **School Day:** 75 percent of the respondents said they'd like to see high schoolers stay in class later.

- 59 percent of parents said the day should be lengthened for middle schoolers, while 39 percent want it to stay the same.

- 60 percent said the Elementary school day should stay the same.

- 43 percent of parents approved of shorter breaks.

State bill would allow target practice

Target shooters would be able to practice on their own land without buying a hunting license under a bill ready for a vote in the state House of Representatives.

This is for owners who practice on their own property to compete in events. They should not be forced to pay for a hunting license," said the sponsor, Rep. Alvin Kukul, R-Macomb County.

Kukul said his bill will apply only in areas open to hunting. It would not supersede urban no-hunting ordinances.

"(buying a hunting license) is an infringement on our constitutional right to bear arms and to the use of property," Ross Dykema, vice president of the Coalition for Responsible Gun Owners, told the panel.

"There are many owners who target shoot but don't hunt," added Rod Collins, also of the gun owners group. "Target shooting goes on all year."

But Rep. Bob Brown, D-

Dearborn Heights, stamped the bill's supporters when he asked: "What happens if your brother is out there shooting on your property? I have friends who own land. I want to be covered."

Committee chair Tom Alley, D-West Branch, asked Kukul and Brown to prepare a clarifying amendment that could be added to the House floor when it comes up for a vote, perhaps as early as this week.

Refer to House Bill 5343 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, Lansing 48909.

The committee then reported out

the bill on an 18-0 vote.

In other business, Alley said subcommittees are working on bills to regulate safety of personal watercraft, the so-called "jet skis" that kids use to speed across lakes.

"It will be ready within a week or two," said Alley. "Sen. Jon Osby (R-Saginaw) has a package of bills, too. It will be quite a change in the law."

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As We See It

City owes some help to lakefront landowners

It's a strange story. Back in 1914, a 40-foot strip of beachside property on Walled Lake in the J.W. Hawthorne Subdivision Number One was given to what was then the Township of Novi as a right-of-way.

For years, residents of the J.W. Hawthorne Subdivision Number Two on West Lake Drive, Faywood Street and Labenta Street used the site as a beach and picnic area, which they maintained with their own money and by their own labor.

Many paid extra for their homes because of the privilege of lake access, which they were told they would have when they purchased their houses.

But the township, now the city, apparently never officially accepted the right-of-way 84 years ago, when local government may have been a more casual thing than it is today.

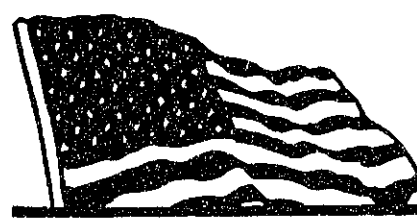
More recently, a 1996 Michigan Supreme Court ruling allows the owner of a piece of property from which the right-of-way was split to cancel this grant, if it was never formally accepted by a government agency.

Jeffrey Sobolewski, the current owner of property on West Lake Drive surrounding on both sides the 40-foot lake front, filed in June 1996 with the Oakland County Register of Deeds a notice of his intent to revoke the city's right-of-way.

But he also proposed an exchange with Novi. Under the Supreme Court ruling, Sobolewski could have taken back the land and that's what, instead, he suggested a swap. He would trade a 20-foot right-of-way for the 40-foot one, squaring off his lot and leaving land for his neighbors.

Novi City Attorney David Fried notified the City Council that there was no question that the land had been dedicated for a city road right-of-way, but the formal procedure had never been completed.

The Novi City Council agreed to the deal with Sobolewski in November 1996. Unfortunately, no one ever notified the people who used the beach that this was going on. The neighbors were shocked to see the fence surrounding what they thought was their beach torn



Government

down in spring 1997.

Angered and horrified by the whole transaction, 17 homeowners sued the city and Sobolewski in 1997. They lost their case at the Oakland County Circuit Court in December.

We don't see Sobolewski as a bad guy, just as someone who knows his rights under the law and who was aware of the impact of the Supreme Court ruling.

And it wasn't as if he didn't offer something in exchange.

However, some of these families had used the beach for as long as 40 years on the assumption it was public land.

The residents say the new, 20-foot frontage beach owned by the city is stony and mucky and not a very pleasant place. Nevertheless, they, through their lawyer, asked the city to deed them the land. But Fried said the city can't give away public land to private people. The 17 homeowners and their families are free to use what now passes as a public beach.

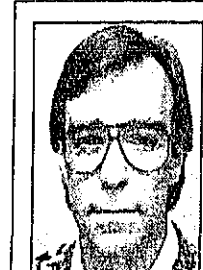
What the city needs to do now is to evaluate the lake area to see if any similar situations exist and move quickly to formally acknowledge any donated right-of-way.

Because the residents of the J.W. Hawthorne Subdivision Number Two were wrongly left out of the loop when this land deal was going on, the City of Novi owes them something.

At city expense, the new beach should be converted into an attractive, usable site where the families can swim and picnic. And the city should work with the 17 homeowners to learn how they want the land developed. A sandy beach? A grassy beach?

It's not a major project. Build it this spring.

Cassis-Bullard had idea first



Michael Malott

They, what'd ya think of Gov. John Engler's income tax cut plan, the one he laid out in his State of the State address last week.

Engler proposed trimming the tax rate from the current 4.4 percent beginning in the year 2000, slicing it down each year for five years until it reaches 3.9 percent.

Engler calculated in the address that, when coupled with higher exemptions already in place, it would translate for an \$850 savings over the first five years for a family of four making \$40,000. To someone making \$49,000, the savings would be \$1,000. For the \$55,000 wage earner, the savings would be \$1,100.

These are not huge figures, especially considering they are spread over five years. But hey, who wouldn't want to save money on taxes? And it's a great deal nicer to see the governor inching taxes downward than inching them up.

But the proposal was not an original for Engler. Novi's own Republican lawmakers Rep. Muey Cassis and Sen. Bill Bullard had exactly the same idea some time ago. They introduced that same plan to the legislature last April in a set of companion bills, known as HB-4710 and SB-317.

Since then, like many other tax cut plans proposed in Lansing, the Cassis-Bullard plan has languished in committee with little action.

That could change now as Engler goes looking for a

vehicle bill for his proposal. He could pick up the Cassis-Bullard bills, or he might choose another vehicle. Regardless, their proposal will proceed ahead.

What form of tax cut Engler would propose had been the topic of much speculation in Lansing in the days preceding the State of the State, but which he had selected was a well-kept secret, Cassis said. So she was surprised when Engler unveiled it during his address. Bullard likewise apparently hadn't expected it, and they exchanged satisfied glances across the room when Engler laid it during his speech.

"Even though the state has made great strides in the battle to cut taxes, we can't rest on our laurels. The working families of Michigan need tax relief," Cassis stated in a press release.

"The strong and healthy economy Michigan is now experiencing lays the groundwork to further reduce taxes and pass along the savings to taxpayers," Bullard said.

Cassis went on to argue that while the tax cuts are expected to cost the state \$3 billion, the result will be further stimulation of the economy, creating jobs and increasing income.

Cassis, naturally, was beaming about it when I met up with her at the Michigan Press Association's Legislative Lunch Friday in Grand Rapids.

And I'd say she has good cause. When you can get the governor to start hawking your tax plan, you're doing pretty good.

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In Focus

By John Heider



Northville High School basketball player Adam Tibble malices a group of youngsters Monday during the team's fundraising hoops camp.

Higher ed hoops

Don't shoot the messenger



Chris Davis

Random thoughts and observations on life... All told, I've been in the newspaper business for the last six years. And for the first time last week, I received something I never thought I would: criticism and input from a rational person.

You've heard the expression "If you don't like the message, kill the messenger." In the newspaper business, this is an everyday experience, so I've developed a skin for people

who call and bite my head off, regardless of whether what's been written has been accurate and fair. However, I got not one but "GASP" two calls this week from folks who said they disagreed with the comments made by others in a story I wrote, and were (are you sitting down for this?) pleasant in making their case. Here's another refreshing expression: "You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

CUE THE DISNEY SINGERS for "It's a Small World." It's been brought to my attention that both Township supervisor Karen Woodside and Northville mayor Chris Johnson have connections to my adopted home of Gaylord. Woodside told me she's friends with Diane Scheerhorn, the schools superintendent up that way, and Johnson is helping defend Osego County in a rather high-profile legal battle.

Chris C. Davis is a staff writer for the Novi News and Northville Record.

ANOTHER EXCERPT from the Bachelor's Guide To Living: When a make-it-yourself pizza recipe calls for yeast, it's not just a casual suggestion.

WOULD SOMEONE PLEASE EXPLAIN to me the justification for Wayne County to charge \$2.25 per record photocopy? If you take a very conservative approach and say a clerk makes 10 copies an hour during an eight-hour day, that translates roughly into, oh... \$45,000 annually. When I make an inquiry about the seemingly excessive fee, I'm often told "We're not paid to make copies." Well, according to my math, not only are you being paid, but you're being paid quite nicely, thank you very much.

ONE OF THE FRINGE BENEFITS of being in the newspaper business is telephoning folks from far away and hearing them try to pronounce the names of Michigan towns. I've heard people tell me they've always wanted to visit Mar-quet, Char-la-voix, Sooli Stee Mary, and of the prince of them all, Mah-vee- "Isn't that the city with the mall?"

MONEY MATTERS, Pt. II: I hear people complaining all the time about how banks are being unfair in charging them fees for various services, including in the fee some banks are levying for speaking to a teller at the bank. I've found the solution to that problem. From now on, I'm going to charge the bank \$5 a month to keep me as a customer. You know - the rising cost of business, and all.

I am 15 years old and 90 percent of my life, my parents have been divorced. They were having problems before I was even born. I am not saying that children who are involved in a divorce automatically have disadvantages in their lives because my brothers and I are fine.

Even when I was younger I had to make a decision such as "whether to go with my mother and play putt-putt golf or to go to my father's house for the weekend." I realize that this is a petty decision but to make a young child I believe I was 7 at the time) make a deci-

Engler's too tired for third term



Phil Power

The great thing about writing a weekly column is you get enough time and distance for reflection. God help these editorial writers and TV commentators who have to distill wisdom into sound bites just 30 seconds after a big speech ends!

I've now had the time to read and re-read Gov. John Engler's State of the State speech, delivered last Thursday. The more I reflect on it, the more troubling it becomes.

First, it's obviously a very political document, intended to get the best of both worlds in an election year but of virtually no use as a policy agenda.

To reassure his base of conservative voters, Engler wants to cut state income taxes by \$3 billion by 2005, require a 6 percent legislative vote to raise future taxes, lock up more felons in more new prisons for longer jail terms and require folks getting welfare checks to test five drugs.

To reach out to moderates and independents, the governor wants to borrow \$500 million for environmental cleanup, test pupils at the end of third grade for reading proficiency, end social promotion from grade to grade in schools and offer state-subsidized health insurance for poor children.

Second, so characteristic of Engler the master schemer, it's very clever, especially on taxes.

Talking about tax cuts, even on a timetable so delayed that every current member of the Legislature will be term-limited out of office by the time the rates come down, guarantees good next-day headlines. And it forces challengers to play on

Engler's time-tested battlefield of tax cuts. Moreover, the sly tactic of cutting taxes year after year into the next century insures that less and less money will be available for government to spend for whatever purpose. Less money, less big government. And, as every conservative knows, less government is better government.

Third, the speech reeks of third-termism, the political malady that affects politicians when they decide to run for a third term in office.

Engler is already less than immune, having made it pretty clear some years ago that he would never run for a third term as governor and then reversing himself by means of a stealth announcement of candidacy issued by his wife, Michelle.

Third-termism is a subtle disease, the sort that sneaks up on you when you aren't paying attention.

A first symptom is the increasing delusion that the real world is defined by what goes on its capitals, whether Lansing or Washington, and not by the daily lives of ordinary people. I remember urging senior members of Gov. Blanchard's administration to spend at least one day a week doing stuff outside Lansing. Well, Gov. Engler and his people have been around Lansing for a long time, and it's an open question in my mind whether they've lost their earlier perspective.

Another symptom - quite evident in Engler's speech - is the tendency to try to do all things to all people. Whether you agreed with him or not, what was gripping about Engler's first years in office was his willingness to set out his philosophy and his convictions, warts and all, without trying to pander to the middle. You can almost see the writers for this year's State of the State saying, "Well, we've got to say something to please the environmentalists, and we've got to throw a bone to the teachers unions," and so forth.

The last symptom is the worst. By dilut-

ing the focus, third-termism saps the will. John Engler's speech was not a focused document. In offering something for everybody, it lost the sharpness and bite that have made the governor such a formidable political figure.

Eight years is a long time for any governor. You've used up most of the good ideas you came into office with, and your agenda keeps getting more and more diluted with each passing year. And year by year, you keep alienating folks until there are lots of people mad at you. Very often, the inevitable response is to try to be all things to all people.

I think John Engler is showing the symptoms of third-termism. If that's true, he'd better watch out, because eventually his opponent will sniff the illness out and exploit it.

I feel obliged to follow up on the outpouring of response to my column on being detained for six hours inside an Allegro Airlines airplane sitting on the tarmac at Cincinnati International Airport.

Obviously, many, many people have suffered equally maddening experiences. If I were in the airline business, I'd start doing surveys of customer satisfaction.

There has been a concrete outcome to this whole mess. Chief Customs Officer John Shea has provoked a series of meetings among the various federal agencies with jurisdiction at airports. The new rule is that no airplane will be held for longer than two hours without allowing passengers to disembark, make phone calls and use the toilet. Thank you, Mr. Shea!

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Local control over roads wanted

To the Editor:

I hope our elected officials and community leaders took the time to read carefully the terrifying letter from James DeSana, director, M-DOT (Novi News, Jan. 15). It is truly disappointing to hear a Republican administration speak so strongly in favor of centralized government and against local control.

"Decisions about... construction... should be made on a programmatic (?) basis, recognizing corridor and route priorities..." Where does any concern about a sense of neighborhood or community values fit into M-DOT's "programmatic" decision-making? Mr. DeSana says, "M-DOT has been working co-operatively with counties, cities and villages..." But M-DOT had never been interested in local concerns. Michigan is riddled with communities splintered by M-DOT's over-riding concerns for "Michigan's motorists" and its disregard for Michigan's communities.

Mr. DeSana says that our current system "guarantees monopolistic control over rules of pavement within artificial boundaries of city limits..." Is he saying that keeping control of our roads within hundreds of local communities is "monopolistic," but centralizing it within one state bureaucracy is not? Does he mean that the "artificial boundaries of our cities should be irrelevant in determining the future of our community?" These totalitarian views scare me. In our automotive-oriented society, decisions about road design are paramount in determining the shape of our communities.

Do not be misled by Mr. DeSana's offer to allow "local input into decisions about traffic control, speed limits, etc." Ask other communities who have tried to offer "input" into speed limit decisions and ask what results their input achieved.

Mr. DeSana is trying to blame the "deplorable condition of our roads on the conflict between M-DOT and county road commissioners. It is clear to anyone who has followed this issue that M-DOT has overseen the deterioration of our roads in a poorly disguised attempt to take control of our streets away from us and put it in the hands of faceless bureaucrats in Lansing who have no understanding or interest in neighborhoods or community identity, and who serve only "traffic flow."

Mr. DeSana thinks that local government should control only the streets that lead to our driveways. If you want to have any control over your future, and the future of your community, tell your State Senator and Representative to oppose Mr. DeSana's initiative, and to fight for local control.

Mark Barsamian

Traffic on Novi in horrendous

To the Editor:
This is an open letter to the City of Novi Planning Commission. I use you as a forum because I believe many people will agree with my observations.

As a resident of Northville that works in Novi, I travel Novi Road from Eight Mile to the West Oaks shopping area on a near daily basis. In the years that I have driven on this route, I have noticed the disintegration of the road surface, the lack of upkeep (i.e., plowing, salting). There are at present time

nine traffic lights, soon to be ten, on this less than four mile stretch of mostly two lane road. In addition to the traffic lights, there is an antiquated railroad crossing that has no guard rails (as a teen I was struck by a train at this crossing and little has changed there in the ensuing 27 years) that adds to the traffic congestion.

This afternoon, Saturday of the Home and Garden Show at the Expo Center, I spent one full hour in bumper to bumper traffic to get from the Chilli Willy Festival on Ten Mile to the light in front of Twelve Oaks. One full hour to go two miles. I saw a police officer at Novi and Grand River scratching his head; another at the Expo light shaking his head; another at the light at the south end of the overpass, shaking his head and laughing into a walky-talky; a fourth sitting in her car in front of Twelve Oaks. From the top of the overpass there were cars as far as I could see trying to get off the Novi exit.

My employer was paying me and my co-workers to sit in this mess, thus making it easier to tolerate.

All of this brings me back to my original point - are the city planners aware of how bad Novi Road and the congestion on it are? It is only going to get worse when the new arena and Walgreens become realities. The traffic situation today was the conversation topic of the day. I won't go anywhere near Novi today and I am certain a lot of others in that mess yesterday won't ever return. I have to.

Sue Foster

Divorce does undeniable damage

To the editor:

I realize that I am 15 and I have not yet begun to fully understand falling in, and out, of love. But what I do understand is that divorce does nothing but mess up a family.

I believe that divorce is the number one cause for many of the tragedies in the United States.

It causes many problems such as parents becoming alcoholics as well as making the children involved in the divorce have more of a chance of trying drugs, including alcohol to relieve their stress. Divorce takes a large toll on people's lives, and I believe that if the divorce rate was lowered, this time of their life to be dragged into an unnecessary situation?

Also, a while ago my mother told me about one of her friends who was getting a divorce. It just doesn't seem fair. Even though her children are onto college, they still will have to decide many hard decisions.

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"I believe that divorce is the number one cause for many of the tragedies in the United States."

I have a friend who's parents just got divorced and the worst part about it is the immaturity their parents showed during their divorce.

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side. It scares me to know that I in 3 of my friends could be thinking about it, and one day become another statistic.

I believe that society should step in at this point in time. I am not perfect and I do not know what can be done, but I seriously think that something should be done.

President Clinton is always talking about family morals, and I believe he does have them. I will not get into his political crisis other than to say I believe he did not have an affair. And I do believe that he has good morals.

After all, he has been through many tough times and he has still held together a strong family relationship by himself, his wife and his daughter. I believe the American public should stop criticizing for a minute and learn a lesson.

I believe that the government should step in and put a limit upon divorce. I know that there are times when divorce is necessary.

The statistic the last time I heard is that 1 out of ever 2 marriages don't work. I believe it should be harder to get married, cost more money. It should be mandatory for people to be together for a certain time before they can get married, or whatever. But I do know one thing for certain, something must be done.

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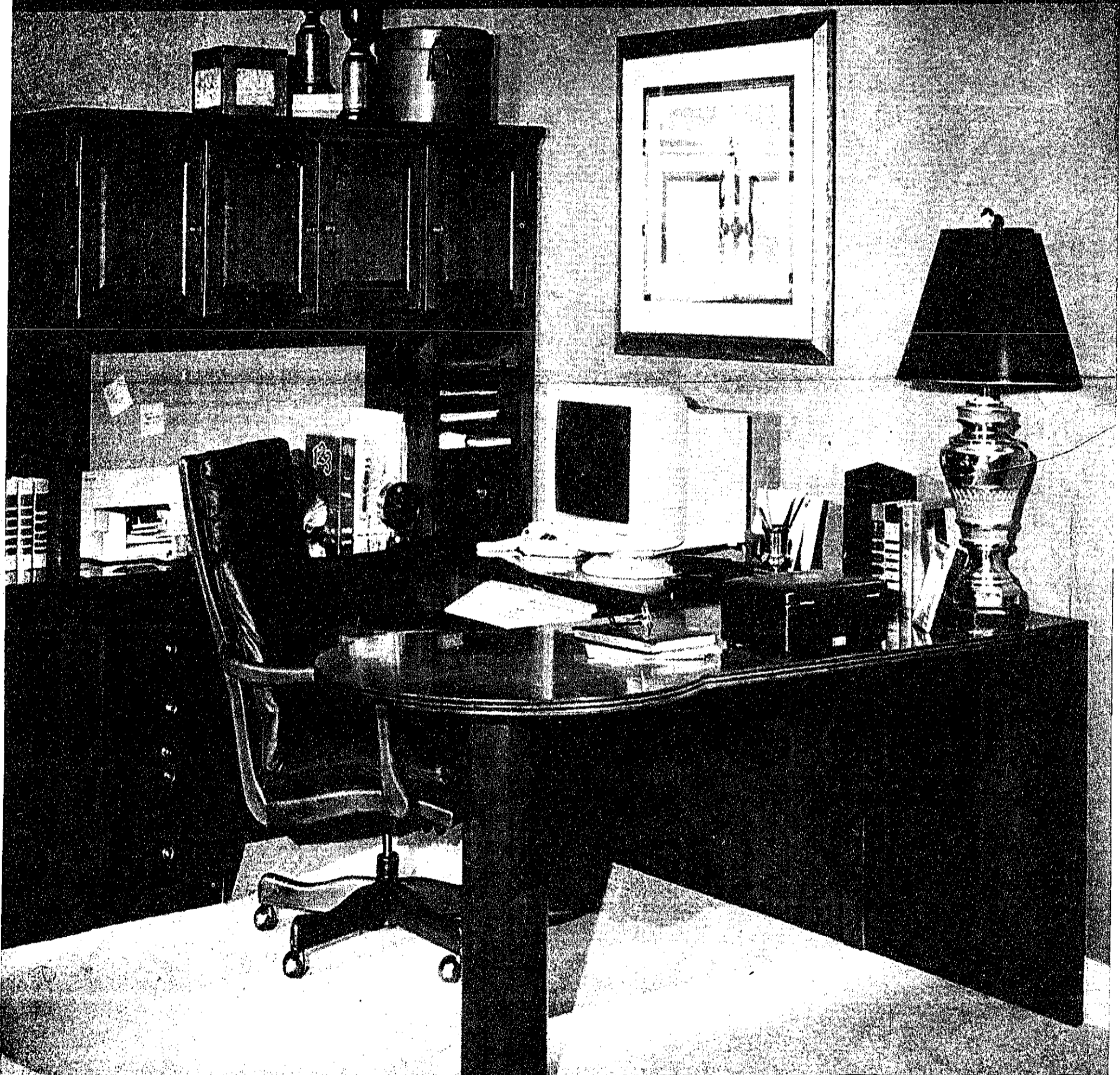
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- No special costume is required. Soft-soled shoes are recommended.

What it is not

- Country line dancing.

Local contra dance groups which hold regular dances include the Ann Arbor Council for Traditional Music and Dance (AACTMAD) and the Oakland County Traditional Dance Society.

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

You probably were not in Northville's First Presbyterian Church Sunday night and so have no idea what was going on in the Williams Room.

Singles Place is in the middle of a five-week contra dance workshop being taught by Ann Arbor resident Karen Missavage.

Contra dancing uses many of the same maneuvers, hand holds and figures as square dancing, but is not square dancing, according to Missavage.

"If you watch a Civil War epic drama you will see a ballroom scene with contra dancing," Missavage explained. "Some of the dances have been around since the 1600s."

Contra dancing differs from country line dancing in that you have a partner and are dancing with that partner but also with one or more other couples.

Missavage can't say for sure whether contra dancing is becoming more popular or if it is the "pig in the python" boom which is having an effect on everything.

Missavage was introduced to the American traditional folk

dancing through a good friend who had been trying to persuade her for a long time to come with him because he thought she'd like the music and dancing. She finally attended her first contra dance in 1982.

"He was right," said Missavage who became a caller in 1990.

People anywhere from college-age to retirement are taking a stab at contra dancing.

"It is a very wide range and some people with children will bring them and they will also dance," Missavage said. "It is not an activity specifically for seniors or young singles."

In contra dance the caller will do a run-through just prior to each dance. The caller will give instructions such as to go on to the next person or partner.

"It is a lot easier to follow the voice from the sky than going up to someone and asking them yourself (to dance)," Missavage explained. "You don't have to worry about whether the tune is fast or slow."

Couples dancing to live music will be instructed by the caller to switch couples after every 64 counts of music. There is no fancy footwork, a walking step is

fine, but dancers do different things with hands, according to Missavage.

Locally there are contra dance groups which gather once a month and host dances. Regular dances are held in Ann Arbor, Royal Oak, and at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

"Just about every Saturday night there is a contra dance in Ann Arbor," said Missavage. "There are people who take a directory along on trips so they can contra dance."

In Plymouth, Missavage called a contra dance at the Masonic Hall on Saturday. The Silver Strings Dulcimer Society string band provided the live accompaniment.

"It's absolutely not hard to learn," she said. "It's very simple. If you can walk you can dance. Experienced dancers help the new ones, that's part of its appeal."



Attire usually consists of comfortable, casual clothes such as skirts for women which "look better when twirled." Men sometimes wear T-shirts imprinted with various sayings which are oftentimes conversation starters. Most people do not wear blue jeans. Soft-soled shoes are recommended for both men and women.

Dance figures were taught, demonstrated and prompted by Missavage and caller Tom Allen.

Like most contra dances, the Plymouth event was alcohol-free and smoke-free. Many dances also have a refreshment potluck where participants bring the refreshments such as cookies.

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People's Choice Academy Awards

Which of the 273 eligible movies will win "Best Picture of the Year" according to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences? You'll have to wait until the 70th Academy Awards is televised on March 23.

But in the meantime, if you had a chance to decide which movie of 1997 was a cut above the rest or which actor or actress gave an outstanding performance, how would you vote?

Now's your chance. Fill out the following People's Choice Academy Awards ballot and return it to *The Novi News/Northville Record*, 104 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

All ballots must be received by Feb. 27.

One ballot will be selected at random to receive dinner and a movie for two compliments of *The Novi News/Northville Record*.

And the categories are:

Best performance by an actor in a leading role: _____

Best performance by an actor in a supporting role: _____

Best performance by an actress in a leading role: _____

Best performance by an actress in a supporting role: _____

Best cinematography: _____

Best costume design: _____

Best picture of the year: _____

Best animated film: _____

Best visual effects: _____

Number of movies I've seen at the theater during 1997: _____

Number of movies I've rented during 1997: _____

PLEASE NOTE: The following name and address blank must be filled out. Ballots without this information will be discarded.

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Wedding



Kristi and Paul Klemmer

Kristi Smith and Paul Klemmer were married June 7, 1997, at St. James Catholic Church of Novi with the Rev. Cronk officiating at the ceremony. Giving the bride in marriage was her uncle, Charlie Smith of Lansing. During the service, a special dedication was given to the loss of the bride's father and brother. According to the bride, "their love has helped me become who I am today." Readings were done by Jill Vandam, Becky Perzanowski and Kathy Anderson. A reception for 250 guests followed at Links at Pinewood.

The bride is the daughter of Ron and Holly Wellbaum of Novi. She is a fifth grade teacher at Lessinger Elementary School.

Attending as maid of honor was Claudia Estabrook. Bridesmaids were Sarah Kiel, Natalie Superfisky, Dawn Molsinger, Erin Wilkinson, and Jennifer Wellbaum. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Klemmer of Commerce Township. He earned a master's degree in business at the University of Michigan and is currently employed at Ford Motor Co.

Serving as best man was Mark Klemmer. Groomsmen were Walt Schmidt, Jason Augustyn, Todd Kraus, Matt Klemmer, and Kevin Walker. Attending as ushers were Doug, David and Dan Wellbaum.

Engagement



David McClerren/Denise Suenkonis

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Michael Suenkonis of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Denise Michele, to David Michael McClerren, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McClerren of Holly and Patricia McClerren of Waterford.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of Novi High School. She is currently attending Oakland University in Rochester, Mich., and is employed as a sales assistant with Provident Insurance Co., Southfield.

The groom-elect graduated in 1984 from Waterford Mott High School. He is a 1996 graduate of Lawrence Technological University, Southfield, with a bachelor's degree in operations management. He is employed as an inventory control buyer for TRW in Sterling Heights. A May wedding is planned.

Church Notes

The sermon at **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 11671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, for Sunday, Feb. 8, at 10:30 a.m. will be "How to Feed 5,000." Crafters are needed for a craft show to be held at the church on Saturday, March 28, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call (248) 349-2652.

CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL, 46200 West Ten Mile in Novi, hosts the Botsford Pathways to Parenting, New Mothers Club, on the first Wednesday of the month at Holy Cross from 12:30 until 2 p.m. with a variety of guest speakers and which offers the opportunity for new mothers to network, share and make new friends. Guest speakers include nurses, physicians, exercise physiologists and dietitians speaking on subjects pertaining to new mothers such as postpartum depression, keeping your sense of humor, getting into shape and traveling with a newborn. Light refreshments are served. For details on the parenting group, call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 477-6100. For more information, call Holy Cross at 349-1175.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST, which meets at Village Oaks Elementary School, 23333 Willowbrook in Novi, has services at 9 and 11 a.m. on Sunday. For Feb. 8, the topic will be "Angels Along the Way." Church of Today, West, also offers youth education at both services. Opportunities are available for participants, ranging from drama to singles activities. A course in miracles is taught year-round on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Other courses include 47, Meditation and Unity Basics. For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or check out its web site at <http://www.cotw.com>.

The atmosphere is casual and all are welcome at the spiritual adventure at **NEW SONG COMMUNITY CHURCH**, which meets at Walled Lake Middle School on Pontiac Trail near Berk Road. For more information, call the church office at (248) 926-1512.

CONGREGATION B'NAI MOSHE, 6800 Drake Road in West Bloomfield, will present "Hate and Extremism on the Internet" with speaker Don Cohen, director of the Michigan regional office of the Anti-Defamation League on Sunday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. There is no charge and the presentation is open to the community. For details, call (248) 788-0600.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 4440 West Ten Mile in Novi, has Sunday worship services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 349-5666.

Send church information to *The Northville Record* and *The Novi News*, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

NYA plans Bowl-a-thon

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ponsors, friends, co-workers, etc. The group raised \$9,000 last year but this year their goal is \$15,000. They hope to add more programs to their agendas. The funds are presently being used to support summer camp scholarships, sponsor local youth athletic events, and the summer teen center. In addition to bowling, there will be door prizes, sports memorabilia auction, and free refreshments. Call the office at (248) 347-6410.

Youth Assistance is a community-based non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of delinquency, abuse and neglect, through community and family involvement. The bowling event is a major source of funds. Contacts are being made for door prizes and/or items for the goody bags, and if you as a business or organization would like to assist in this project, call the office.

The cost for sponsoring a lane is \$100, with the names of the sponsors displayed above the lane. Chairman John P. O'Brien, NYA volunteer Duane Dorsch and others from the organization will be contacting those who wish to donate prizes.

The Youth Recognition Committee is looking for nominations of young people of high school age who donate their time and services in the community. A winner will be recognized at the Novi Jaycees Distinguished Service Award breakfast at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 18, at Vic's World Class Market. Nominees will be recognized at a special recognition service later in the spring. Nomination forms can be obtained at the NYA office in the Civic Center or call 347-0410.

ABWA opens meeting to women

All working women are invited to attend the Business Associate Night sponsored by the Novi Oaks Chapter of American Business Women's Association (ABWA) on Monday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel, 42100 Crescent Boulevard in Novi. The featured speaker is Mary Beth Wise-Bolen of Successful Office Systems, Inc.

Bolen will present "Getting Your Word Out" (reaching your current and potential customers through marketing). The group will also honor the chapter's newly-elected Woman of the Year and make the annual scholarship presentation.

Dinner will be served. The cost is \$17 per person with the proceeds to benefit the scholarship and education fund. For reservations call American Business Women's Association member Betty Johnson at (248) 960-9559 by Feb. 6.

Novi bookstore to host novelists

Two of Michigan's romance authors will be on hand from 6 until 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13, at Read It Again Books in Novi to sign copies of their books. Shelly Thacker of Redford, whose newest book *Timeless* will be available at the book signing, has published seven historical romance novels, earning her a place on national bestseller lists.

In 1995, readers of *Affair de Coeur* magazine voted her one of America's top ten favorite romance authors.

Also on hand will be Jeanne Savery of Rochester, who has made a name for herself writing Regency romances. Savery's newest work, which will also be available at the book signing, is entitled *Lord Galveston* and the Ghost.

Mary Mansour, owner of Read It Again Books, said that the decision to invite local authors for the book signing was an easy one because the staff has read and enjoyed both authors.

Read It Again Books is located at 39733 Grand River west of Hagerty in the Pheasant Run Plaza. Call (248) 474-6066.

On Campus

DANA WESTON of Novi and **CLARK ABEL** of Northville, both graduates of Novi High School, were named to the Dean's List for 1997 Fall term at Alma College.

Novi resident **HANNAH RUMPF**, sophomore at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, has been named to the Dean's List for fall quarter. She was among the undergraduates who earned at least a 3.3 grade point average or better.

Rumpf is majoring in mechanical engineering. The following is a list of Novi students at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor whose degree candida-

cy was determined as of December 97:

DAVID ROY BURGESS, master's in engineering; **CLAUDIA FULGA**, bachelor of arts; **SONYA GUPTA**, Bachelor of science; **SUSAN J. MITCHELL**, master of social work; **BONNIE A. OLSEN**, bachelor of arts; **JANET ELIZABETH ROBERTSON**, master of science; **AMY HASMUKH SHAH**, bachelor of science; **SAMIR HASMUKH SHAH**, bachelor of science; **SWETA JAGDISH SHAH**, bachelor in mechanical engineering; **TILAK SUBRAHMANYAN**, master of business administration; **JANET YEE**, bachelor in computer engineering; **MUTSUMI YOSHIDA**, bachelor in chemical engineering.



Northville Girl Scout Troop 132 members Claire Bacigal, left, and Christina DeVincent are organizing a Feb. 7 Red Cross blood drive at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

Scouts organize blood drive

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The Red Cross blood drive scheduled for Feb. 7 probably won't seem any different than any other Red Cross drive except that it has been organized by two Cadet Girl Scouts from Troop 132 in Northville.

Christina DeVincent and Claire Bacigal, who are also Meads Mill Middle School eighth grade students, decided to organize the drive for their Silver Awards in scouting.

This is the first time Girl Scouts have organized a blood drive in this area, according to Troop Leader Julie Johnson.

The blood drive will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Williams Room at the church, which is located at 200 East Main Street.

"We were just thinking of something that would be useful and we worked in it last year," said Christina, who is the daughter of Diane and Ernie DeVincent. "We thought it would be kind of inter-

esting to do it ourselves this year." Christina and Claire were responsible for making phone calls from a list of people supplied by the Red Cross, who had donated blood last year.

The pair will also be at the blood drive registering people as they walk in.

"We will be there making sure everything runs smoothly," Christina said. "Anyone in the community 17 years of age and older is invited to come and donate blood. Appointments will also be accepted by calling either Christina at 344-8950 or Claire at 348-6097."

"Walk ins are definitely welcome," said Claire, who is the daughter of Paul and Paul Bacigal.

"The girls called the Red Cross and got everything set up and made sure the church was available. The Red Cross will provide the nurses and all the equipment."

"They really have done all the work," Johnson said. Christina and Claire also sent flyers to all the troop leaders in Northville asking them to solicit donors from the parents of girls in their troops.

Other Girl Scouts in the Northville cluster have been recruited and will be greeting people at the door, providing directions, and passing out handmade thank you cards as a nice gesture to the donors, according to Claire.

Claire even managed to get her dad, who owns of New 5 Auto, to provide breakfast and lunch for the Red Cross nurses.

"The Red Cross brings juice because they need to bring some nourishment for the donors," Claire said. Homemade cookies will be handed out by more volunteer Girl Scouts.

"The donors really like that," Claire said.

The project Girl Scouts select for the Silver Award must benefit the community and include about 30 hours of preparation prior to the event. Once the project is complete, the Girl Scouts advance from Cadets to Senior Girl Scouts and can begin working on the Gold Awards.

Rosarian speaks at meeting

Jim McVeigh will be the first speaker of the year at the Roses-West Rose Society meeting on Thursday, Feb. 5.

McVeigh will discuss "Growing Potted Roses" from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. at the Novi Community Center Parks and Recreation, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, and include a demonstration.

McVeigh, an American Rose Society (ARS) Consulting Rosarian for Telly Nurseries of Troy and Brighton, pots thousands of roses each year.

McVeigh has been growing roses for many years. He potted 8,000 roses last year and will pot thousands more in 1998. He maintains numerous private rose gardens and also is a consultant on design. Installation of roses and flowers for Telly's Nurseries.

The meeting is open to the public. A Consulting Rosarian will be on hand beginning at 7:15 p.m. to answer questions regarding rose growing.

The Roses-West Society is an educational and non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to the cultivation and enjoyment of roses and friendship. Annual membership dues are \$20 for couples, \$15 for singles, \$10 for seniors over 55 years of age and \$10 for young adults over 16 years.

For more information, call the Novi Civic Center at (248) 347-0400.

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Sweet Charity

Cast members in The Plymouth Theatre Guild's production of "Sweet Charity" include (from left) Heather Underwood, Northville; Tani Mough, Walled Lake; Emily Raymond, Farmington; Heather Bell, Royal Oak; and Hedy Vahesoo, Northville. Performances are scheduled for Feb. 13, 14, 15,

20, 21, 22, 27, and 28 at the Water Tower Theatre on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 West Seven Mile Road. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. Sunday shows are at 6 p.m. General seating tickets are \$11 in advance and \$12 at the door. Call (248) 349-7110.

Photo by SUE SPILLANE

Entertainment listing

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

AUDITIONS

WIND IN THE WILLOWS: Auditions for children ages 10 through 18 will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 10 and 12, at 4 p.m. for *The Wind in the Willows* at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. Audition forms will be available as well as script cuttings at the audition. If cast, the fee is \$125.00. Rehearsals are every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. Performance dates are May 15, 16, and 17. For details, call (248) 347-0400.

through April. Audience members may not find themselves called for duty if the jury box is full, but there are always other jobs available as, say, the defendant.

The Gaylords will perform on Feb. 6 and 7 and Soupy Sales has been booked for March 13 and 14. All three dinner theater presentations include the restaurant's famous seven-course, family-style Italian dinner. Gentili's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville. For reservations or more information, call (248) 349-0522.

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: The works of Farmington Hills artist Betty Lone will be on display in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center through Feb. 13.

Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open.

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

PAINTER'S PLACE: Owned by Caroline Dunphy, Painter's Place, located at 140 N. Center Street in downtown Northville, is featuring original paintings done on site and from sketches of watercolors of European gardens, primarily the garden and water lily pond of Monet, as well as street scenes of European cities, while the Dunphy was visiting the world-famous galleries.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from noon until 4 p.m. or by appointment. Call (248) 348-9544 for details.

NEARBY

ROARING TWENTIES: The 11-member Hotel Savarine Society Orchestra returns to Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus at 7350 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford on Friday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. in the Student Center arena. Tickets are \$10.

Space will be available for dancing to a variety of familiar and less-well-remembered foxtrots, novelty songs and waltzes. For tickets and information call (248) 360-9186.

FUN RUN AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST: St. Mary's Hospital and the Livonia Family YMCA will present the annual St. Pat's Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 14, at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark Road. A 1 mile begins at 9:30 a.m., a 3 mile at 8:30 a.m. and a 5 mile at 9:15 a.m. Entry fee is \$12 per entrant before March 1, \$17 after March 1. Preregistered runners are guaranteed a long sleeve T-shirt and breakfast — all the pancakes you can eat — plus sausage, juice and coffee. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Forest Middle School next to

GENITTI'S: Upcoming entertainment listings in the Hole-in-the-Wall includes the interactive comedy dinner, theater production *Tralby* by Enor with performances beginning in February and running

the YMCA. Non-runners are welcome. For details or a registration form call (734) 261-2161 ext. 314.

MUSICAL REVUE: "A Broadway Celebration" will be performed Sunday, Feb. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road in Westland as a benefit performance for Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland. The musical revue will feature songs from Broadway favorites by performers who have sung with the Michigan Opera Theater, the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland and on Broadway. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Drinks and appetizers will be available for purchase. For details, call (313) 525-6783.

SWEETHEART DANCE: The American Legion Auxiliary Post 224 is sponsoring the annual Sweetheart Dance on Feb. 14 from 8 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. at the Wixom V.F.W. Hall, 2652 Loon Lake Road in Wixom. The Southern Nights will provide the entertainment. Tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door which includes snacks. There will be a cash bar. Doors open at 7 p.m. For details, call (248) 624-9742.

YOUTH BAND: The Oakland Community College Youth Band will present its winter concert on Friday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. in the Student Center Concert Arena on the Highland Lakes Campus. The Youth Band consists of 85 selected players from 15 area high schools. Admission is complimentary. For details, call (248) 879-6346.

LOCAL AUTHOR: Nancy Mitchell, a Walled Lake resident, will be the guest speaker at the Friends of the Wixom Library luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 11:30 a.m. at the Wixom Community Center, 49015 Pontiac Trail in Wixom. Tickets for the fund raising luncheon are \$15 per person and will be available at the Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, through Feb. 9.

Mitchell, whose lecture is titled "From Laundry Tub to Votting Booth," has had stories and poems published in *Modern Maturity*, *Prime Time* and *Older Now*. For details, call (248) 624-2512.

YOUTH ARTIST CONCERT: Gemini will be the guest artists of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Salem High School auditorium. For more information, call the PSO office at (313) 451-2112.

MARDI GRAS: Jambalya and jazz combine for a gala Mardi Gras celebration on Friday, Feb. 20, at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. Dine on a traditional New Orleans meal beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center, followed by the School Jazz

singer's mellow tones and dancing to the music of Tom Staunders and the Detroit Jazz All-Stars. Tickets are \$30 per person and may be ordered by calling the Department of Marketing and Development at (734) 462-4417.

MORE MARDI GRAS: The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host a benefit Mardi Gras Feast/Auction on Saturday, Feb. 21, at the Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 North Territorial in Plymouth, beginning at 6 p.m. The evening's entertainment will be provided by the New Reformation Dixieland Band. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be obtained by calling (313) 416-4278.

VALENTINE DINNER/DANCE: Schoolcraft College's Valentine's Day dinner and dance on Saturday, Feb. 14, will include tomato bisque, artichoke hearts and watercress salad, roasted beef tenderloin with Bordelaise sauce, heart shaped potato leek pie, asparagus and cheese cake with raspberry sauce. The evening's entertainment will be the music of Johnny Trudell. Tickets are \$37.50 per person. Proceeds benefit the School College Foundation and the Continuing Education Services Physical Education programs. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road in Livonia between Six and Seven Mile roads. Call (313) 462-4417.

TOYS: The Plymouth Historical Museum has a special exhibit relating to the history of toys and other childhood memories, including antique dolls, teddy bears, push and pull toys, trains and rocking horses. The museum is located at 155 South Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$5.00 for students ages 5 to 17. Children under 5 are admitted free. The family rate is \$5. For details, call (313) 455-8940.

JAVA AND JAZZ: Oakland Community College is presenting a four-part jazz series on Fridays at 8 p.m. at the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. The last performance in the series will be Johnny Trudell on Feb. 20. Individual performances are \$12 each. Call (248) 471-7660.

CLASSICS ON THE LAKE: St. Mary's College will present its second season of Classics on the Lake at 4 p.m. in the shrine chapel on the college's campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads. Concerts will feature pianist Flavio Varani on Feb. 15, pianist Myrthaia Salazar from Mexico on March 15, and flutists Ervin Monroe and Alexander Zonjic, along with pianist Dave Wagner on April 5. Tickets are \$12 and \$20. For details, call (248) 683-1750.

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Psychological thriller has lots of twists and turns

From Josh and Jonas Pate, who created the 1996 Sundance Film Festival hit "The Grave," comes a penetrating psychological thriller about a brilliant and affluent murder suspect who plays games with the slippery nature of the truth.

Written and directed by the twin Pate Brothers, "Deceiver" features an acclaimed ensemble cast headed by Academy Award® nominee Tim Roth ("Rob Roy," "Reservoir Dogs"), Renee Zellweger ("Jerry Maguire," "The Whole Wide World"), Chris Penn ("Mullholland Falls," "Reservoir Dogs") and Michael Rooker ("Rosewood," "Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer"). Rosanna Arquette ("Crash") and 1974 Best Actress Oscar® winner Ellen Burstyn ("Aller Doesn't Live Here Anymore") also star.

Set in the Old World city of Charleston, South Carolina, "Deceiver" centers around the brutal murder of a young prostitute (Zellweger), and the series of polygraph tests administered to the primary suspect, Charleston blue-blood James Walter Wayland (Roth). Despite detectives Braxton (Penn) and Kennesaw's (Rooker) efforts to find Wayland's weak-

nesses, it is the detectives themselves whose inner lives are laid bare as their brilliantly manipulative subject expertly turns the tables on his interrogators and blurs the line between fiction and truth.

Academy Award® nominee Tim Roth, who has become renowned for playing dark, complicated characters, describes Wayland as "a different kind of American character for me. Wayland is an incredibly rich epileptic alcoholic who is suspected of being a murderer, and because of his epilepsy, he's not completely sure about anything."

"Temporal Lobe Epilepsy sufferers have blackouts and during these blackouts the victims don't realize what they're doing, and then afterwards they don't know what they've done," Joshua Pate explains. "We wanted to come up with something that would give Wayland false memories so that he wouldn't know exactly what he had done and didn't do. And Jay came across something about TLE which also coincided with violent seizures, so that was another thing that we could use. We did a

lot of research, watched a lot of tapes, and went from there."

Also, because of his wealth Wayland has the resources to investigate the policemen that are investigating him. "So, he turns the tables on them, and then they turn them back on him," Roth continues. "It's a lot of twists and turns. I always like stories about deception. I think that's interesting to play because you're playing two characters."

Wayland's epilepsy, coupled with his moral ambivalence, made him the perfect foil to the polygraph. "Most people don't lie chronically," notes producer Peter Glatzer. "Wayland is such a great manipulator and paleographers don't come across that too often — someone who is totally at home with lying and at home with deceiving people. Most people get so scared that it's immediately apparent whether they did it or not."

"The audience never quite knows who is in control," Roth muses. "The focus for the story is Elizabeth, the prostitute at the center of the murder investigation. 'Elizabeth is the stillpoint that the rest of the movie revolves around. She's the center of the murder mystery," Joshua Pate notes.

Renee Zellweger met Peter Glatzer and the Pate Brothers at a



Elizabeth (Renee Zellweger) and Wayland (Tim Roth) spend a drunken night on the town in MGM's psychological thriller "Deceiver."

stop in the snow at Sundance in 1996. They had just seen Zellweger in "The Whole Wide World" and were so impressed with her performance that the role of Elizabeth was written for her. Shortly thereafter, Zellweger was cast opposite Tom Cruise in the critically-baited hit "Jerry Maguire." "The rest is history," Glatzer says. "Zellweger found Elizabeth to be a particularly appealing character. There is always a generalization made about 'the hooker' — she's weak or a victim, either of society or her own personal situations," Zellweger explains. "But not this girl. Elizabeth has made a decision. She's very much in control. She's very intelligent and strong, and this is what she's chosen to do to get by. This is her thing."

Elizabeth is attracted to Wayland because he's not the typical john that comes into her life. "He is more interested in the conversation," Zellweger notes. "I think that's the mutual attraction between them. He's not looking for what you typically visit a prostitute for and she recognizes that in him. He wants conversation. He wants to disclose things to her and she laps it up. It makes her feel like more of a person..."

"It's not the 'Pretty Woman' kind of relationship," adds Roth. "It's fairly grounded and fairly real. This woman that's been killed, he's not sure if he's done it or if someone else has done it. Even the flashbacks we see could be a lie, so you're never really quite sure where the truth is."



Wayland (Roth, right) brilliantly turns the tables on his interrogators, Braxton (Chris Penn, left) and Kennesaw (Michael Rooker), who agrees to hook himself up to the polygraph to clear himself.

Live-action Mr. Magoo retains same wacky spirit as '60s cartoon classic

When a stolen gem lands in the possession of bumbling millionaire Quincy Magoo (Leslie Nielsen), a sinister plot is hatched to steal it back. Perpetually the target of evil culprits, Magoo consistently manages to escape unharmed, totally oblivious to the dangers that surround him.

Hunted by robbers and set up by a convincing female thief (Kelly Lynch), Magoo ultimately nails the real villains with the help of his nephew, Wally (Matt Keeslar), and his trusty bulldog, Angus, and is hailed a hero. In Walt Disney Pictures' live-action family comedy, "Mr. Magoo."

The all-new, live-action "Mr. Magoo" retains all the wacky spirit of the 1960s cartoon classic, but is full of fast-paced action, sparkling humor and high-flying stunts from director Stanley Tong. It is also brimming with intrigue, CIA and FBI agents, international jewel thieves and assorted bad guys, all on the prowl for Magoo and a priceless ruby, which the chueless Magoo doesn't even know he has in his possession.

Magoo is up against the glamorous, dangerous and sultry Luane Ruesch (Lynch), the lovely but ruthless international jewel thief who, along with her dim-witted sidekick, Bob Morgan (Nick Chinlund), sets up Mr. Magoo, steals, loses and recaptures the priceless Star of Kuristan ruby for their boss — evil mastermind Austin Clouet (Malcolm McDowell).

Chasing the bad guys who are chasing Magoo and the ruby are scruffy accident-prone FBI agent, Chuck Stupack (Stephen Tobolowsky), and sleek CIA operative, Gus Anders (Eric Hudson), both of whom are hot on the wrong trail. Stacey Sampanahodira (Jennifer Garner), Waldo's love interest, is the foreign representative trying to hide the ruby's theft from her government and master criminal, Colombian mobster Orter ("The Piranha" Peru Miguel Ferrer), who wants the egg-styled gem as a gift for his bride — and will stop at nothing to get the precious stone.

More than three generations around the world — including a whole new audience of young children enjoying Mr. Magoo on television in syndication — know and love the warm and gentle nature of the good-hearted and lovable Magoo.

As Executive producer Henry Saperstein says of Magoo's enduring popularity, "In each country the people of that country think that Mr. Magoo is a local. In England they think he is British, in Germany they assume he's German. France knows that he's galant and in Japan he must be Japanese."

The original, unmistakable voice of Magoo originated by the late Jim Backus, the veteran film and TV actor ("Gilligan's Island"). He was instrumental in the initial and immediate success of Mr. Magoo when it was first released in cartoon form in 1949.

Leslie Nielsen doesn't compete with Backus, yet the esteemed actor found the perfect balance to evoke our memories of the character, while forging an entirely new identity for this new live-action incarnation.

In 1960, after hundreds of near mishaps in theatrical cartoons and six Academy Award® nominations later, the serendipitous hero became a syndicated television series.

As Nielsen explains, "Jim Backus was the Mr. Magoo prototype. I found that our voices are in the same range and somehow it just came easy to me. Backus provided a spirit of innocence for the character. I wanted to do the same because people who are innocent seem to be oblivious and their naivete always seems to save them. It was a joy playing this classic character."

Internationally acclaimed director Stanley Tong helmed action superstar Jackie Chan's megahits "Rumble in the Bronx," "Supercop" and "First Strike." In each of these blockbuster, audiences and critics were dazzled by Tong's singularly original, highly imaginative and breathtaking staging of fights — turning everything from shop-

ping carts to refrigerators into fight props. The long legendary "Tong technique" is full of furiously funny action and his exciting, enormously entertaining "Mr. Magoo" is Stanley Tong's greatest film achievement to date — it is Tong at his best, with our Magoo tripping in and out of trouble without a clue as to the bedlam he has left behind in his path. He blithely moves on to his next misadventure.

"Directing 'Mr. Magoo,'" says Tong, "was a welcome change. All these years I've been doing mostly action with a little bit of comedy but this is all about fun, without violence. It's all about humor, so families can enjoy it."

Producer Ben Myron believes that director Stanley Tong's unique abilities have made "Mr. Magoo" much more exciting and dynamic than it would have been in the hands of any other director. "We were very fortunate to have Stanley on this film because he's a comedic action director whose sensibilities perfectly matched the material," Myron says. "I think of Stanley as a contemporary Buster Keaton or Charlie Chaplin, in terms of his varied artistic abilities. Stanley's contributions made all the difference in the world."

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Ensuring the best medical care for you and your family. Another important part of good medical care is thinking about what you can do to work together with your doctor to ensure you receive the most appropriate diagnosis and treatment.

Open and honest communica-

tion with your doctor will help him or her treat you most effectively. As a patient, sometimes it's difficult to remember all the concerns and questions that come to mind during the time leading up to your appointment.

It's helpful to plan ahead by making a list of symptoms you're experiencing and questions you want to ask. Most doctors have limited time to spend with each patient so it's a good idea to try to keep the conversation focused on your health concerns. Also, answer your doctor's questions honestly and completely. He or she will want to know about your health history, what prescription and over-the-counter medications and vitamins you take, as well as specific examples or a description of the medical problem you're experiencing.

For some people, especially

those who take a variety of medications, it's a good idea to bring your medication bottles with you so your doctor can read the name and dosage listed on the label.

Parents should take a copy of their child's immunization record to new doctor visits or emergency room visits, especially if immunizations were administered at several facilities like the local health department or an immunization clinic.

Another important part of being a responsible patient is listening carefully. Make sure you understand your diagnosis and the treatment your doctor advises. Make sure you understand what additional tests are ordered and why.

Many clinics and doctor's offices have informational pamphlets, brochures or videos about common diseases and medical condi-

tions that are available for patient use.

This educational material is a useful tool to help you develop a clearer understanding of your diagnosis and treatment.

If you have any questions, ask them while they're fresh in your mind - before leaving the office.

Also, follow your doctor's instructions carefully. Two-thirds of patients do not take their doctor's advice and many do not take their medications properly. Completing the recommended course of treatment and following through with additional tests or appointments will help you and your doctor work together to keep you healthy.

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Health Notes

St. Mary Health Notes

The Oakland County Health Division will be offering an immunization clinic for Farmington and surrounding areas at the Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt Road (south of Eight Mile Road), on Wednesday, Feb. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon.

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

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

Immunizations will be given at the same time and location on the second Wednesday of every month. The next scheduled immunization clinic will be on Wednesday, March 11.

Take charge of Diabetes

Learn to take charge of your diabetes through a program designed for diabetics age 18 and older, "Taking Charge of Living With Diabetes."

Held at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia, the series of eight classes provides information on self care and the successful management of diabetes.

Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, March 3 through March 26, in the auditorium. The \$75 fee includes all materials and allows the participant to bring a support person at no extra charge. CareLink members receive a 10 percent discount. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-2922 or toll free at 1-800-494-1650. Preregistration is required.

"Focus on Living"

This is a self-help group for cancer patients and their families, meets the first Wednesday of each month at St. Mary Hospital. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 4, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in hospital auditorium.

The ability to "Focus on Living" is a unique challenge for individuals confronting the illness of cancer. To enjoy life's experiences while attempting to maintain as normal a lifestyle as possible can be a difficult yet attainable goal for the cancer patient and those who share in his or her life.

Cosponsored by the American Cancer Society, "Focus on Living" is a self-help group that gives participants an opportunity to discuss their concerns, obtain answers and gain support from others who share the same experiences.

The goal is to improve the quality of cancer patients' lives through this sharing of information and experiences. Registration is not necessary, and there is no charge to attend the meeting. For more information, please call (734) 655-2922 or toll free 1-800-494-1650.

Screening Day in March

St. Mary will offer a Prostate and Breast Cancer Screening Day on Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the hospital pavilion. Men and women are invited to attend this program which includes prostate screening for men and breast cancer screening for women.

The prostate screening is free and provides a prostate exam by a physician, blood test to measure the Prostate Specific Antigen level and educational material.

The breast cancer screening offers a breast exam, mammogram and education about self-breast examination. Medicare and most insurances are accepted for the mammography. For those who do not have insurance, the fee for mammography will be determined on a sliding scale based on financial need with a maximum fee of \$75.

Preregistration is requested by calling (734) 655-2922 or toll free, 1-800-494-1650.

Surgical Preparation

Through the Sally the Surgery Star program,

children scheduled for surgery are taken on a tour and familiarized with the surgical experience. A variety of educational materials and supportive teaching tools are used to help the child deal positively with the idea of a hospital stay.

Continuous program by appointment only. Providence Medical Center-Providence Park. There is no charge. Call (810) 380-4170 to register.

Health education library

Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is now making its health education library open to the public.

The library has books, video tapes, computer databases, pamphlets and anatomical models available to the public which can be used to learn about illnesses, medications, parenting skills or other health issues.

The library is located at Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, 47601 Grand River, and is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (810) 380-4110 for more information.

Blood Pressure Checks

Providence Medical Center-Providence Park is offering free blood pressure checks Monday-Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Area residents are invited to visit Providence Medical Center-Providence Park, located at 47601 Grand River Ave., to obtain this free service. Screening will take place in Providence's Emergency Care Center located within the center.

For further information, contact (810) 380-4225.

Well Child Clinic

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Conferences provide free ongoing well care for children from birth to school entry. Families who do not have an HMO or Medicaid may be eligible. Clinics are held at 14 locations throughout Oakland County.

Services include: Heights and weights; head to toe physical examination; immunizations; vision, hearing and lab testing; growth and developmental screening; and counseling with referrals to physicians and area resources as needed.

Referral service

Are you new to the community? Do you need to find a doctor and can't determine the best way to start your search?

The Physician Referral Service of Providence Hospital and Medical Centers is available to assist individuals in finding a physician who can meet the specific needs or criteria of the individual.

The service is free of charge and can be reached by calling 1-800-968-5595.

The staff of Physician Referral Services can help locate physicians by specialty or location, finding an office close to your home or work. They can even match individuals with physicians who participate in particular insurance plans.

Callers can also receive information on support groups, health education classes and lectures.

For referral services, call 1-800-968-5595.

Prostate Cancer Meeting

These meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month at the Brass Pointe Restaurant in Farmington Hills. For information call (248) 424-5543.

Immunization Clinic

Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills is sponsoring a series of community immunization clinics. The clinics will offer DPT, DT, HIB, Hepatitis B (for those 19 years and under), and MMR vaccinations.

The varicella vaccine will not be available at these clinics.

There will be a \$5 facility fee charged per child, but all immunizations will be free of charge.

All clinics will run from 4 to 8 p.m. on a walk-in basis. For more information call (248) 865-4000. The last Clinic date is Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Body Fat Analysis

Have your body fat analysis done by a registered dietitian. Full printed report with recommendations for exercise and diet to promote health. Please Call (248) 424-3903 for appointment and fee. The program will be held at Providence Medical Center-Farmington Hills/NW, Mission Health Medical Center-Livonia, Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, and Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Baby Beepers

Monthly beeper rentals available. Stay in touch with your labor partner. Call (248) 424-3332 for information and fee.

Managing Your BP

Free blood pressure checks, open to the public, are being held in the emergency room of Providence Medical Center-Providence Park in Novi, Monday-Friday, from 9-11 a.m. No appointment necessary.

Parish Nurse

The Parish Nurse Ministry strives to build relationships with local congregations. This service is offered to all fathers to meet the holistic health needs of your members. To learn more about the Providence Parish Nurse Ministry, please call (248) 424-2763. @Brief-head:Weight on the Run

Conducted by an exercise physiologist and a nutritionist, this 12-week program starts with a fitness assessment and nutritional consultation, followed by three weekly monitored workouts and weekly nutritional support. Day and evening classes available. A \$300 fee includes enrollment in the class "ABC of Weight Loss." Botsford Center for Health Improvement-TRACC, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi. For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

Latest news on breast cancer

Botsford physician Robert Boorstein D.O., and Botsford Health Development Network Project Manager Mary Kors R.N., B.S.N., discuss breast cancer and the latest news on treatment options. This monthly forum for women ages 40-60, presents issues and concerns dealing with mid-life changes. Meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Oct. 23.

There is no charge. Botsford General Hospital's 3 West Conference Room, on Grand River in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

Laurel Park Walking Club

"Walk the mall" for enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise - and then have your blood pressure checked (available the fourth Monday of every month, 8-10 a.m.). Free. Laurel Park is opened to walkers 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday.

Located on Six Mile Road in Livonia (at the corner of Six Mile and Newburgh roads). For information, call (248) 477-6100.

CPR Classes

Community EMS, 25400 Eight Mile Road, Southfield. Fees: \$20 for CPR; \$35, BCLS. For more information and to register, call (248) 356-3900, ext. 258.

Aerobic Weight Training

A 55-minute workout with emphasis on both cardiovascular fitness and muscle strengthening. Meets for seven weeks. Mondays and Wednesdays 5-6 p.m. \$55.

Preregistration required. Botsford Center for Health Improvement-tracc, 39750 Grand River Ave., Novi.

For more information and to register, call (248) 473-5600.

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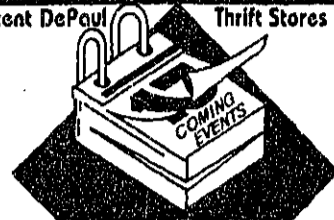
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