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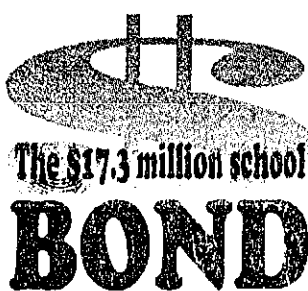
Classes at Novi Woods must cram together during presentations because of a lack of space.

District seeks room to grow

Novi Community Schools will ask voters to approve a \$17.3 million bond issue on March 28 in a special election. The money would be used to build a new elementary school, improve athletic fields and playgrounds and improve parking. This is the first in a series of articles to address the issues.

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It used to be commonplace at Novi Woods Elementary. The



school atop the hill was one of the first to combine grade levels into

one classroom.

But situations change and the school reverted to a more traditional classroom - until recently when overcrowding lead to a third and fourth grade combined classroom.

"It's difficult trying to organize two different curriculums, since it's the only split in the whole building," teacher Sally Chandler explained.

The third graders, however, think the situation was definitely

to their advantage.

"I think it's cool because we get to do stuff with the fourth graders," said Kelsey Cooke.

Another plus to using the former community room is the sink, oven and stove, which gets them cooking lessons on occasion.

While the classroom is certainly their cup of tea, it's the long lunch lines caused by the large student population that they groan about.

"It's so crowded it's backed up

Novi property values climb 11 percent

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

The assessed value of Novi property is climbing towards the \$2 billion mark.

This year, the total state equalization of property in Novi - 50 percent of market value - has grown 11 percent over last year to a whopping \$1,909 billion, City Assessor Glenn Lemmon said, based on preliminary reports. Most of that total comes from residential property, which now has a total SEV of \$1.182 billion.

Assessments of homes has gone up an average of 6.5 percent percent this year, but that won't translate to more than a 2.7 per-

cent increase in taxes, based on Proposal A. A few homes may see increases as high as 10 to 12 percent, but that's about it, Lemmon added.

Proposal A restricts property taxes, with increases to be triggered by the lowest of three figures: the change in the market value, the Consumer Price Index or 5 percent. At 2.7 percent, the CPI is this year's operative figure for homeowners.

"Thank God, for Proposal A," Lemmon said. "At first it seemed like a lot of paperwork. Now that I've had three years to adjust to it,

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Ravine standoff ends in tragic shooting

Despite a family who loved him, life had appeared to overwhelm 40-year-old Richard Teufel in recent weeks. With a history of emotional problems and tough times ahead, a Wednesday car accident seemed to put him over the edge.

Yet, no one knows what the West Bloomfield man was thinking Feb. 18 when he grabbed a shotgun from his car after the accident, went down into a ravine and shot himself in front of two police officers.

"This is very much a tragedy for the family," said Detective John April, in charge of the investigation. "The one thing police officers

fear most is notifying families of things like that."

Officers Mark Kohls and Tom Lindberg arrived minutes after the noon car accident on Twelve Mile Road near Haggerty Road. Teufel, a former Novi resident, had rear-ended a car in front of him, causing a four-car chain reaction at a red light.

Witnesses said he appeared to be "out of it" as he got out of the car and walked around the scene. It was when emergency vehicles - including the police, EMS and the fire department - arrived that he grabbed a shotgun trapped in a blanket and walked down into the

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Starbucks brings Seattle brew to Novi coffee drinkers

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

For true addicts, a great cup of coffee can be almost a religious experience.

Starbucks Coffee Company, a Seattle-based chain, is hoping that its new location at West Oaks II will be where local junkies - and those just passing through - head for their caffeine (or decaf) fix.

"We try and provide what we call the Starbucks experience. Hopefully, when you come in you have absolutely the best coffee around," said District Manager Mark Chesney.

"We roast our coffee more than other companies. We feel that brings out a better coffee."

While 30 varieties of coffee are available, as well as fancy brews, specialty teas and icy Frappuccino, Starbucks House Blend, a light-bodied blend of Latin American-grown beans, is the bestseller. And the bulk of the consumers prefer that java black.

"Most of our customers will drink it straight. They tend to be the people who truly appreciate the coffee," said Chesney, who polishes off six cups a day. "It's serious coffee. It's good stuff."

Starbucks got its start in 1971, but only

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Here's the scoop on history of coffee

Every time you take a sip of your favorite brew, you're downing a liquid world history:

- Coffee is the seed of a cherry from an evergreen tree that grows in a subtropical belt around the world.

- Consuming coffee beans is believed to have originated in Ethiopia, when a goat herder named Kaldi observed his livestock behaved friskily after grazing at a coffee bush. Kaldi chewed a few beans and word got around:

- Ethiopian monks began mixing dried coffee berries with water, creating a beverage to help them stay awake during night prayers.

- Coffee drinking traveled then to Yemen, in the Arabian peninsula, where one of the world's oldest and most traditional coffees, Arabian Mocha, is still grown.

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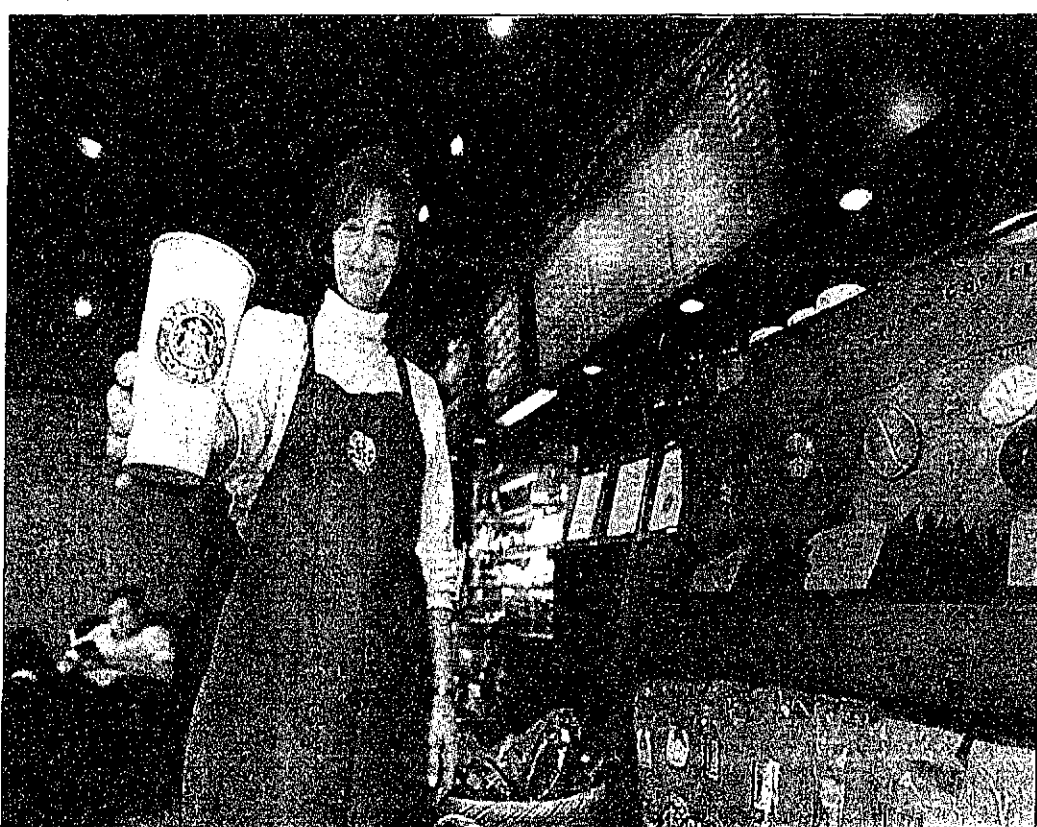


Photo by HAL GOULD

Claudia Strehl serves up the java at the Starbucks Coffee Company's new location in West Oaks II.

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Michael Kepes, 5, gets a nuzzle from "Alfredo" the alpaca.

Alpaca takes up residence in Novi

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Margaret Schmidt, The Farm Lady, confessed recently that she's fallen for a dark, luminous-eyed Latin, who likes to hum softly into her ear.

And Monday, so did everybody else - kids and adults alike - at the Children's Ark Childcare Center. When they got a look at her Alfredo, a four-month-old alpaca, it was love at first sight.

"He is beautiful. He is adorable. He's my favorite animal I ever had in the whole world," Schmidt said. That's a compliment that means something.

When Freddie, as he's familiarly known, moved into Maplewoods Farm on Wixom Road a month ago, he joined Schmidt's miniature cow, pig, horse, donkey, sheep, cats, chickens, goose, rab-

bit, duck and turkeys, to say nothing of the dog and cats.

Alfredo's an Andes species that when fully grown will look like a shorter, more lushly-furred llama. Both creatures are near kin to the camel. Like the camel, alpacas and llamas have a split upper lip and soft pads on their feet, with a hoof in front.

The Farm Lady's been doing educational programs with the help of Freddie all over Michigan.

"We went to Midland, which took us a two-hour drive from here and he hummed all the way to Midland, which is very annoying to listen to for two hours," Schmidt said.

Llamas are becoming popular in rural Michigan, but alpacas are more expensive and therefore rarer. Not only are alpacas down-

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Community Calendar

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

Thursday, February 26

Business Network International

The Northville chapter of The Business Network International, meets from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads. For information, call the BNI regional office at (734) 397-9939.

Saturday, February 28

Critter Connection

Critter Connection animal rescue will be at the Pet Supplies Plus store at 42660 Ten Mile Road from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Frog and Toad Survey

Volunteers for the Rouge Remedial Action Plan Frog and Toad Survey can attend a workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Northville Township Hall, 41600 Six Mile Road. For information, call Lara Spears at (313) 426-1200.

Monday, March 2

City Council

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

TOPS

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

Motor City Speak Easy Toastmasters

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

Tuesday, March 3

Optimist Club

The Novi Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Big Bay Restaurant on Novi Road, across from the Novi Town Center.

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Seniors meeting

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

Civil Air Patrol

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

Menopause Support Group

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

Board of Appeals

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

Chess Club

The Novi Chess Club will meet from 7-10 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. There is no charge to attend and all players are welcome. For more information, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4268 evenings after 6 p.m.

Amateur Radio Club

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

Wednesday, March 4

Athletic Boosters

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

Planning Commission

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

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Saturday, March 7

Novi Cooperative Preschool

The Novi Cooperative Preschool is having an Open House from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The school is located in the United Methodist Church, 41671 Ten Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook Road. The preschool is not affiliated with the church. Applications are being accepted for the 1998-99 school year for both the 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes. For more information, call (248) 349-3223.

Monday, March 9

Library Board

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Michelle Dankovic, of Meijer's, spends the night frying hundreds of paczki for Fat Tuesday.

Paczki Power

Fatty treats take bite out of Lent

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Never mind the fact they're loaded with lard, eggs and sugar. Ignore for a moment the idea a single one has more calories than 16 cookies.

Forget about all the hype of eating healthy in the new year.

For just one day, Northville residents threw away the diet regimen and splurged on paczki - those stultifyingly delicious not-quite-a-jelly-doughnut pastries.

Danish shops and pastry places all over Novi and Northville prepared for the onslaught of paczki lovers as early as the weekend.

Northville's Meijer bakery began baking the treats Sunday evening and worked throughout the day and evening Monday in preparation of the onslaught of paczki lovers.

"It's been absolutely fabulous," said supermarket manager Pat Fuller. "Better than we could have imagined."

Fuller said crowds began the pilgrimage to the store bakery early Tuesday morning, buying up paczki by the dozen.

Fuller, of course, said he had to sample a couple of paczki, purely for quality control.

"They were delicious," he said. Asked if he had a favorite flavor or paczki, Fuller enthusiastically

replied "custard."

Paczki's pronounced POONCH-keys were originally a Polish Catholic treat, introduced as a last-ditch splurge before Lent - the season of personal sacrifice lasting until Easter.

Tradition dictated all the lard in a home needed to be used up before Lent began, making paczki almost a necessity to avoid wasting a family's food supply.

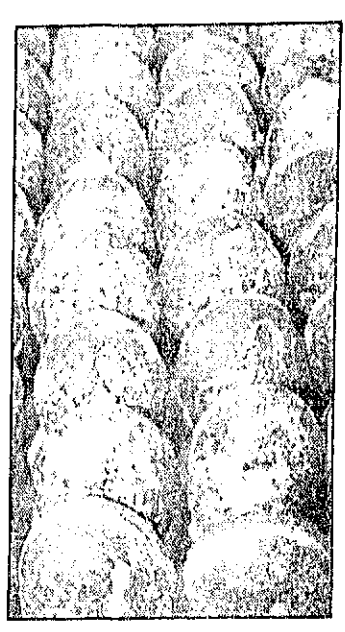
But it's not just lard that makes a paczki. The new-world version is an extra-large doughball rich in egg yolks and deep fried. It's then overfilled with some kind of fruit or custard filling, topped with a smooth sugar glaze and rolled in granulated sugar.

All that good stuff doesn't come without a price. Each paczki is thick with a full 800 calories.

But paczki has taken on an almost novel meaning since crossing the Atlantic.

Many Americans have designated the day before Ash Wednesday as the very politically incorrect "Fat Tuesday."

Informal statistics suggest Fat Tuesday is now the No. 1 day for baked goods to be sold in America, surpassing sales of Halloween doughnuts.



PACZKI POINTS

It's no secret. Paczki's (pronounced POONCH-keys) pack a punch. Here's a look at the fattening once-a-year treats:

- The number of minutes you'll need to run if you want to burn off the calories in a single paczki...60.
- Not a runner? Try swimming for an hour and a half or walking for three and a half hours.
- Calories in each paczki...800.
- The total number of paczki Meijer produced throughout Monday night...3,600.

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A family's faith

Child's first steps a medical miracle



Above: Johanna Lapetz, weeks after birth, was born with a rare deformity called lateral dislocation of the patella.



Johanna Lapetz first stood and walked near the family Christmas tree on Christmas Eve.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

"On Christmas Eve she got up and walked with no braces or anything. It was just a miracle."

—Mary Lapetz

During the labor of her fourth child, Mary Lapetz had a single, 45-minute contraction. Fourteen minutes after she arrived in the parking lot of the St. Mary's hospital in Livonia, Johanna was born. In the delivery room, Mary and her husband John impatiently, expectantly asked the question at the forefront of every new parent's mind: Is the baby normal? In this case, the doctor was hesitant to respond. "You could just sense they're trying to be calm, they're trying to be normal. They had to tell us something and they were figuring out how to approach it," John said. "I finally told them 'well we know about the feet... is there anything else?'"

The doctor let out a huge sigh of relief, John said, and went on to tell the couple they were the parents of a healthy baby girl. Except for the fact that her legs were on backward. Contrary to what the doctor expected, Johanna's parents took news of the deformity in stride. After all, they had four months to come to terms with it, since an ultrasound had revealed the condition midway through the pregnancy. "It was sort of interesting. Sure enough, right there in her stomach you could already see the bone structure. The foot was going the opposite way. It was really graphic," John said.

At the time of the ultrasound, Mary, then 37, was five months pregnant and raising three daughters: Sarah, 21, Jacques, 13 and Jordan, 7. Despite the doctor's findings, abortion was something Mary never considered. Instead, she thought of her husband of 17 years, who was living a fulfilling life with what appeared to be the same condition. Labeled "Lateral Dislocation of the Patella," John, 47, was born with his kneecaps, along with the muscles and tissues connected to them, on the sides of his legs instead of the front.

Because that includes the quadriceps, the large thigh muscles that straighten the legs, John walks with perpetually bent knees. Surgeries performed before he was 12 left x-shaped scars on his legs, but didn't fully correct the problem, and over the years his odd posture and the lack of padding at his knee joints have caused John back, hip and knee problems. "I have pain, but I think everyone has pain. My body is like double my age. My knee joints are probably the joints of an 80-year-old man because they've worked in such an unusual way," John said.

But he insists he has come to terms with his legs, and doesn't consider them a handicap. "I have always had this condition and gone through life doing the things I want to do in the way I want to do them," John said. "You kind of adapt. I have found a way to earn what I think is a very good living without depending on my body... Sometimes it's not what you can do, it's how others treat you. That has as much impact as the physical constraints at times."

Although he rarely uses any type of medication to ease the pain, John explained that early fatigue has led him to begin using an electric wheelchair on day-long family outings, allowing him to out-

last his young daughters. He also uses it to navigate the corridors of the Ford Dearborn complex where he supervises a department that engineers vehicles to run on natural gas.

But he was concerned about how his wife would react to the prospect of raising a child with the same condition. "I always thought this would be an issue with my mate. But I could tell Mary

was really sincere that the possibility didn't phase her," he said. Mary said John was sometimes teased about his legs as a child, but his condition has had little impact on their lives together. With the medical options available today, Mary was confident that things would be even better for Johanna. "If John was born in the dark ages of medicine and he's so successful and happy, there's no way it could be worse for her," Lapetz said. "There was nothing wrong with him. His legs were on backwards, but he wasn't sick or anything."

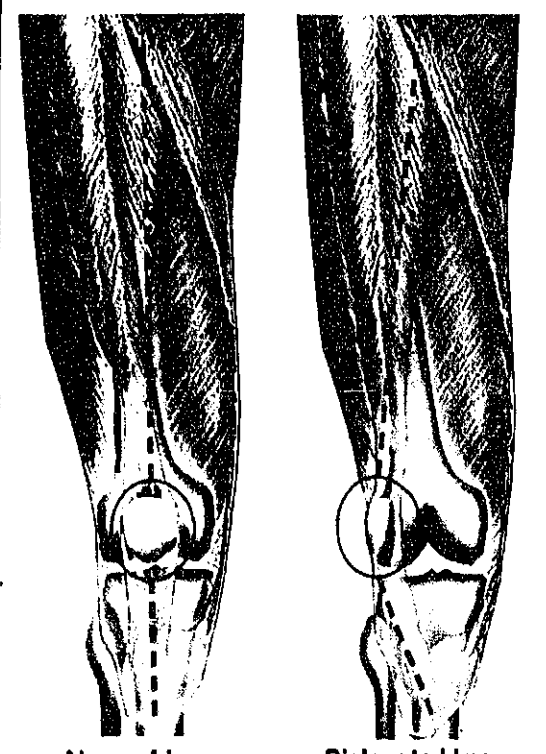
Johanna's treatment began almost immediately. When she was just 11 days old, she was outfitted with plaster boots that began turning her feet around. At three months, Dr. Neal Marcus of Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit developed and performed a surgery to correct her kneecaps (see related story). Johanna wore plaster casts on her legs for six weeks and by the time they came off, she had developed a unique way of scooting on one side of her body that substituted for a crawl.

No one was quite sure if the operation was a success until Johanna took her first steps. "On Christmas Eve she got up and walked with no braces or anything. It was just a miracle," Mary said. Now, red ponytail bouncing with each step, Johanna wanders around the house like any curious toddler. At 18 months, she's learning to talk in sentences and loves to swim in the pool behind her parents' Northville Township home. "She just has a really happy disposition, people remark all the time. She can have an empty belly and a full diaper and still have a smile on her face," Mary said.

Johanna's general pediatrician, Dr. Camille Kureth at Henry Ford Medical Center in Novi, said Johanna's prognosis is excellent. "She's doing beautifully. She's at or above her age level in just about everything. It took her a little while longer to walk, which is understandable. She wasn't able to use those legs for a long time," Kureth said. "She's an extremely happy baby."

Like Marcus, Kureth cautioned that only time will tell how Johanna's legs develop. "We'll wait and see if they work exactly like everyone else's as she grows. She's certainly going to walk beautifully, but as for specific activities, we don't know for certain. Considering that in 18 months she's walking like a normal kid is totally amazing. It will give a lot of hope to families who have children with special problems at birth. So many things can be done now and more are coming in the future."

Lateral dislocation of the patella



In a normal knee, the patella (knee cap) slides in a groove in the lower femur (thigh bone). This maintains the proper alignment necessary for the rectus femoris (muscle in front of the thigh) to extend the lower leg. When the patella is dislocated to the lateral (outside) portion of the knee joint, alignment is lost and the leg cannot be straightened.

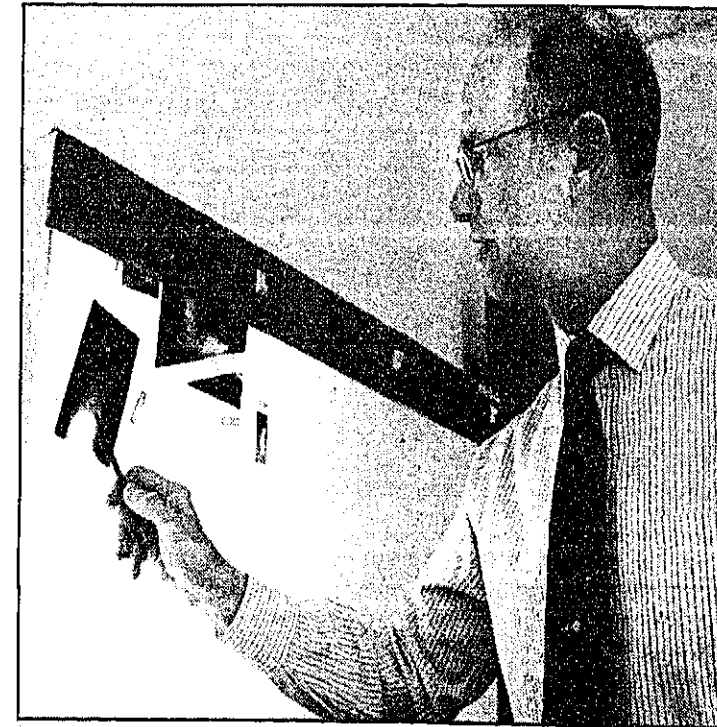
New procedure developed to correct rare birth defect

When the parents of Johanna Lapetz took their daughter to see Dr. Neal Marcus, an orthopedic pediatrician at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, he got out the medical journals. "It's a very rare condition. I've never seen it," Marcus said. So rare, in fact, that Marcus found few published papers on the condition.

The most definitive was written in 1976 by Dr. Stanko Stanišavljević of Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan. In his report, Stanišavljević had compiled cases of lateral patellar dislocation throughout history, the earliest outlined in a German journal dated 1856. In many instances, patients didn't receive corrective surgery until they were young adults. The youngest to undergo an operation was three years old. The problem, Marcus said, is detecting the dislocated patella in infants. Since much of a baby's skeleton is cartilage, kneecaps aren't visible on X-rays for years, until that cartilage ossifies, or hardens into bone.

But Marcus knew what to look and feel for, with John providing a living example of why his daughter's feet faced the opposite direction. "I had a great advantage. It was staring me in the face," Marcus said. "It was hereditary, enabling me to make the diagnosis early and treat her early."

It's the first time the condition has been linked to a parent, proving that it is hereditary and allowing Johanna to be treated before she even crawled. That, according to Marcus, was the key. Her father didn't get surgery until he was a young adult and by that time many of his problems were irreversible, according to Marcus. Modifying a surgical procedure outlined in Stanišavljević's paper, Marcus operated on Johanna when she was just three months old. "We had to cut all that tissue in her thigh, we released all the tissue that was holding it on the side, moved the knee cap to the front and tightened it on the other side to hold it there," Marcus explained. "If you saw her walking down the hall, you'd think she was a normal



Pediatric orthopedic surgeon Dr. Neal Marcus takes a look at an X-ray of a child's foot in his Henry Ford Medical Center office. Marcus operated on Northville Township's Johanna Lapetz.

youngster, but that wouldn't have happened without the surgery. She would have walked in a crouch like her father. She was a little late to get walking but she's doing fine." Marcus said Johanna has a separate problem with her feet that should be corrected with a second surgery. Pending her parent's approval, he said he will lengthen Johanna's Achilles tendon to remedy a dislocated heel.

Video thief takes off with games

Police News

After Video USA reported to police that a woman had provided false information and did not return video games Feb. 11, investigators discovered the woman might be on a crime spree renting video games across the state and selling them illegally.

Novi police traced the information left at the store to a Walled Lake woman who said the suspect is her daughter-in-law. Fire weeks ago the couple "duped" their children off at her house and took off to complete the scam, she told them. Police said the suspect has numerous aliases and two current warrants for her arrest.

AVERTED

After about two hours of talking by phone, Novi police were able to convince a Meadowbrook Glens man to come out of his home Feb. 3.

The 42-year-old man had holed himself up in the home about 5 p.m. after a day of heavy drinking, police said. He had called his wife at work to have her come get his children out of the house and then locked himself in with several firearms.

The woman immediately drove to the police station to ask for help. Police arrived at the home and established phone contact. The situation was resolved without further incident. He was placed under medical observation.

MISSING CHECKS

A part-time employee of Charter House in Novi told police someone stole about four checks from her purse while she worked Feb. 2. According to the report, the woman left her purse unattended and discovered days later someone had cashed \$600 in checks.

AIRLESS

A flat, torn and shredded tire got a 20-year-old Novi man arrested

for drunk driving, about 10 a.m. Feb. 14. A patrol officer spotted the man's car limping down Ten Mile road on a wheel rim and stopped the car to investigate. According to the report, the man smelled heavily of alcohol and told the officer he had several beers last night and was probably still drunk. When asked to perform sobriety tests he said not to bother because he was drunk.

After failing a few of the tests and registering 0.21 percent blood alcohol content (twice the legal limit), police placed him under arrest. Yet upon arriving at the station he became belligerent, yelling and swearing, and refused to take another test. Police held him at the station for detoxification and also on five outstanding warrants for his arrest.

POND DISCOVERY

The management at River Oaks found several marijuana pipes made from pop bottles near a pond in the development Feb. 14. Police confiscated the items and destroyed them.

CAR COMMODITIES

A Novi High School student came out of swim practice Feb. 13 to find his car smothered in syrup and mustard. The windows were covered and the door handles smeared with Vaseline. Cereal was also poured in the car. There are no suspects.

JEALOUSY

A romance gone sour could be behind the vandalism of a car on

Meridian Lane Feb. 15. According to the police report, a 16-year-old Novi High School student found his car plastered with mustard and ketchup that morning.

Mustard had also been poured in the gas tank and the antennae was broken. The family's vehicles and home have been damaged several times as of late, police said. According to police, the incidents could be triggered by a relationship between the teen and a girlfriend who might have a jealous ex-boyfriend. Police recommended the family invest in a sensor light and a video camera.

BOTTLE BANDITS

A gas station manager attempted to corner two men stealing returnable bottles from the Twelve Mile Amoco station Feb. 14.

According to the police report, a blue Caravan pulled up to the storage shed where the bottles were kept about 5 p.m. A white male with dark blond hair drove the vehicle and a thin white male with long hair hopped out to grab two bags and 35 crates of empty bottles. The returnables were worth about \$110. The manager attempted to block the mini van in with his own car, but the bandits squeezed by and drove away.

Officers tracked the van to a Livonia man who said his son had possession of the van and was supposed to be a Twelve Oaks suspect. Police left messages at the suspect's Southfield home.

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

Book buyers aid Tim Pope playscape

Indulge yourself with one of life's necessities - books - and help out the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape.

On the weekend of Feb. 28-March 1, Borders Books and Music at Novi Town Center will donate 15 percent of book sales purchased with a special coupon to the playscape.

The coupon can be found in the recently mailed Novi Parks and Recreation Brochure or picked up at the Novi Parks and Recreation office at the Novi Civic Center.

When the money comes in, it will be used to purchase additional seating and tables for the play area. Playscape Committee Member Becky Staab said.

Just in case anybody's around who doesn't know what the Tim Pope Memorial Playscape is, local craftsman Scott Gross has remedied that. He has completed a wooden log emporium with the title that will be placed above the entrance to the popular play palace, built last spring at the Novi Community Sports Park on Eight Mile Road.

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Novi Briefs

Seuss-tenance

A very special birthday is coming up and children of all ages are invited to celebrate. On Wednesday, March 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., the Novi Public Library will celebrate the birthday of the "Cat In The Hat." The family fun night will include stories and activities. For more information, call 349-0720.

DMC hosts an open house

Check into the state of your health for free at the DMC Health Care Center's open house on Saturday. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Twelve Mile Road facility will offer visitors a chance to tour the newly-refurbished building and participate in these events:

- Prostate education and testing.
- Blood pressure screening.
- Total cholesterol screening.
- Height/weight screening.
- Body fat analysis.
- Ask The Doctor.
- Mini nutrition counseling sessions.

For kids, Flutterby The Clown will be on hand. Plus, the Teddy Bear Clinic offers kids a chance to bring in their favorite teddy or doll for a check-up. For information, call 360-3452.

Talking about alcohol

A series of seminars for parents who wish to learn how to talk with teenagers about alcohol abuse will begin March 15. Talking with your Kids about Alcohol meets Monday evenings from 7-9:30 p.m. on March 16, 23 and 30. Morning sessions begin April 23 and continue the next two Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Parents will learn what to say and how to say it so that teens understand the implications of alcohol use and abuse. The program is jointly sponsored by the Novi Community That Cares Coalition, Novi Middle School PTO and the Waterford SAFE Center for Prevention Education for Oakland County Parents and Families. For more information or to register call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206. Space is limited so register by March 10. Federal and state funding supports the program.

Kindergarten registration

Kindergarten registration for the 1998-99 school year has begun. Parents can register their child at the school of attendance. If parents do not know which school a child should attend, they should call (248) 449-1208. The following is required for registration: proof of residency, certified birth certificate and up-to-date immunization records.

A parents-only Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. for Parkview and Orchard Hills parents, and 7:30 p.m. for Novi Woods and Village Oaks parents.

Call the school buildings for registration details and times:
Novi Woods (248) 449-1200
Orchard Hills (248) 449-1400
Parkview (248) 449-1220
Village Oaks (248) 449-1300

Bowled Over

Novi Youth Assistance is looking for bowlers who want to throw on a pair of quirky shoes to help a worthy cause. The NYA Annual Bowl-A-Thon is Saturday, March 7 at Novi Bowl and there is still plenty of room for volunteers. The event, set for 1-4 p.m., is the community organization's main fundraiser for the year. With a goal of \$15,000, all the money goes to support summer camps, the Teen Center, scholarships and recreational and family programming. The NYA is a non-profit group devoted to the prevention of abuse and neglect through community involvement.

The format is a nine-pin, no-tap, according to chairperson John O'Brien. In other words, nine pins counts as a strike. Bowlers get pledges based on their score for three games. The bowling is free along with food, refreshments, door prizes, raffles and prizes for top money raisers. Anyone interested in bowling, bringing their team, sponsoring a lane or donating a prize can call the NYA office at 347-0410.

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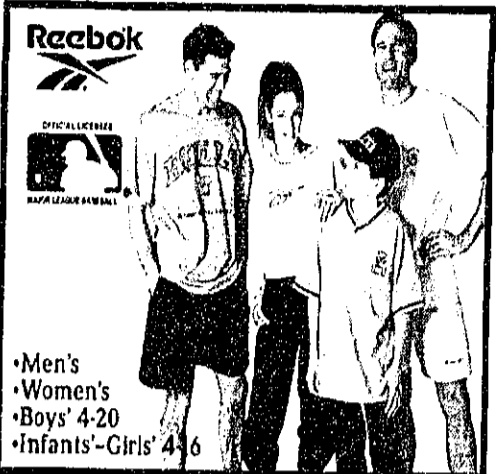
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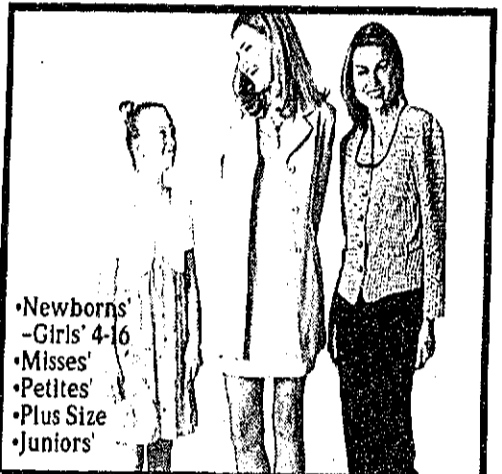
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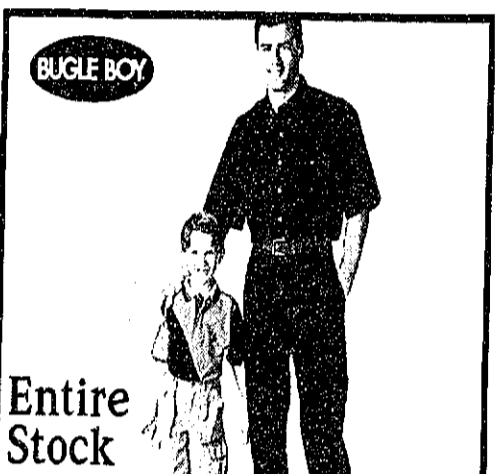
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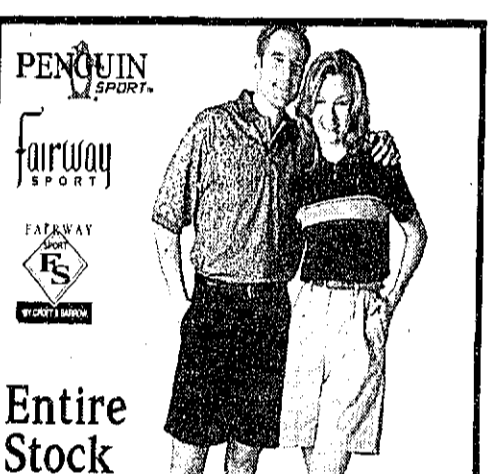
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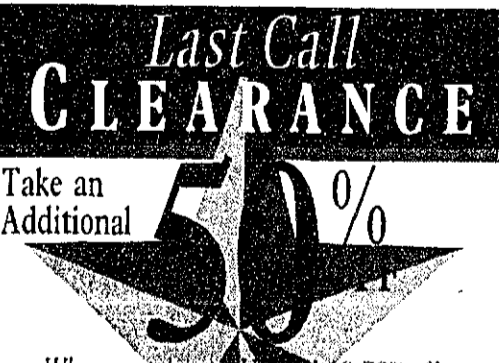
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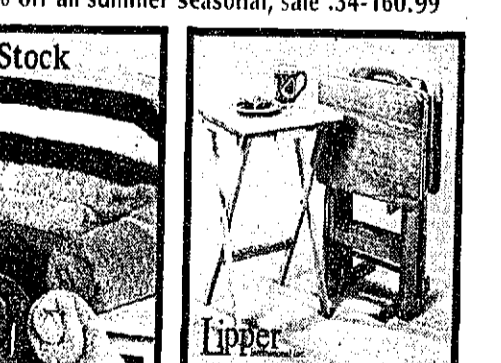
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Getting in shape safely

Joggers concerned with safety on the road

By WENDY WHITE Staff Writer

Every morning on her way to work through downtown Northville, Gladia Grieve sees accidents waiting to happen.

She sees joggers who run in the streets without wearing reflective gear.

"I'm out very early in the morning, like five. I'm really grateful that our community is health conscious, but they're not safety conscious," she said.

Grieve said she has seen some close calls in the historic district, with cars almost hitting joggers who were practically invisible in the low light.

One morning Grieve said she almost hit one herself.

"I was running on the same side of the street that I'm driving on and I always thought you were supposed to walk or run against traffic. That seems natural," Grieve said.

It's not only natural, it's the law. According to Northville Police Chief Jim Petres, local ordinances mandate that joggers run against traffic, so they can see what's approaching.

"Technically they're supposed to stay on the sidewalks if sidewalks are provided. If they're not, run on the left side of the street," Petres said.

Ordinances also require cars to give pedestrians the right of way at intersections, but joggers must remember that the rules of the road also apply to them.

"If the cars have to stop, so do you," Petres said.

Grieve said one solution would be to wear reflective gear.

"I considerate. Just wear something so we know you're there," she said.

Petres, a jogger himself, agreed that it's just common sense to wear reflective tape or vests in early morning or late night hours.

Although the chief said jogging deaths aren't common in the area, he cited an incident in the summer of 1991 when two runners were killed when a car drove onto the shoulder of Eight Mile Road near Beck Road.

"In terms of numbers, it's not a serious problem around here, but anytime you have a pedestrian hit by a car there's a serious potential

GET READY

"Get Ready to Run" is a free program for runners scheduled later this month.

A presentation on injury prevention will be led by Jodi Buck, a physical therapist and Michigan runner.

Running footwear will be discussed by Dave Peterson, a manager at the West Bloomfield location of Running Fit.

The program is open to anyone, but an H.S.V.P. is required.

"Get Ready to Run" is set for Thursday Feb. 26 from 7-9 p.m. at Oakland Physical Therapy, located at the Providence Park Medical Center at 47601 Grant River Ave., Suite B124.

For information, call (248) 380-3550.

for injury and death," Petres said. Accidents may not be frequent in the area, but jogging is. An extensive network of runners canvasses the neighborhoods of Northville and Novi all year round, some unified by informal running clubs.

Both the "Rocket Dogs Running Club" and an informal all-level women's group meet for runs every week at the downtown Northville Running Fit shop, 141 E. Main St.

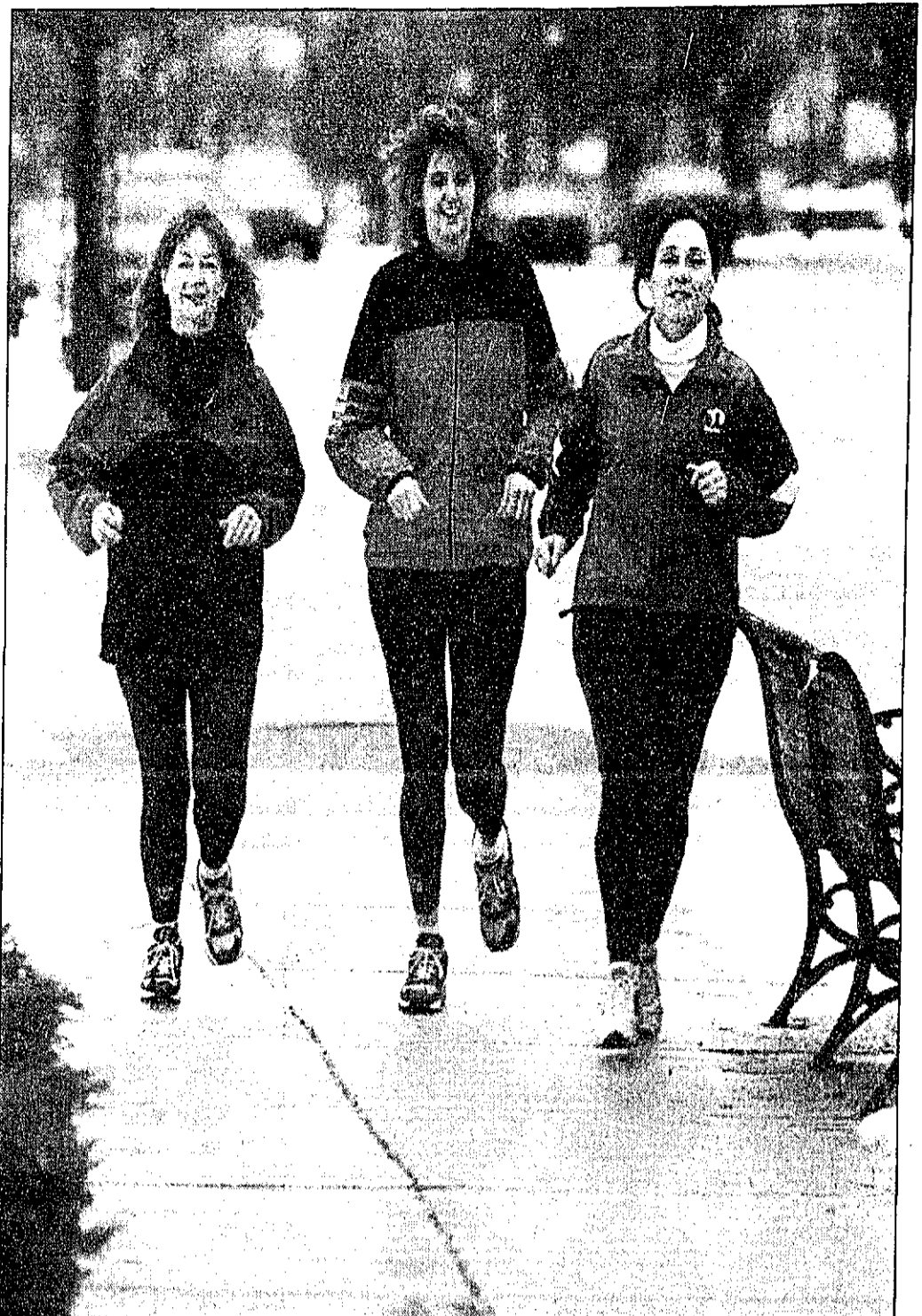
"There's a lot of runners in Northville," Running Fit owner and Ironman triathlete Randy Step said. "30 percent of the state's fastest runners train around here."

Those runners include Doug Kuris, who has won more marathons than anyone in the world, Paul Auldemberge, a world half-marathon and cross-country champion, and Master's Champion Nancy Grayson, who is frequently featured in national magazines like Runner's World.

Another local runner is Jodi Buck, who works as a physical therapist at Novi's Oakland Physical Therapy. Buck leads seminars on how joggers can stay safe.

Although she focuses mainly on the biomechanics of running, she said making sure you are visible to drivers is also important.

"I know one time I was driving and I didn't see the runner until I was right up on him. That's bad for runners because then people think that runners on the whole are negligent," Buck said. "I think both parties have to be responsible ... if runners do wear reflective gear, drivers will be more accepting of them."



Jogging safely and wearing highly-visible reflective outerwear are Northville Running Fit informal running group members Jan Valade, Lora Lazur and Triba Smith.

Dress for better visibility

By WENDY WHITE Staff Writer

New clothing that has reflective fibers woven right into the fabric are setting runners' bodies aglow this season, according to Running Fit manager Lora Lazur.

"When you wear these products, your entire body is lit up, as opposed to just an arm band or strip," Lazur said.

Running Fit has a jersey made out of the material priced around \$70, while jogging tights run

around \$50. But you don't have to spend a lot to make yourself visible. Reflective tape can be found on arm bands, vests and even dog collars at much less cost.

Early morning walkers or evening joggers can purchase an all-season mesh reflective vest for around \$16, wrist wallets with reflective tape for \$7 and velcro strips that can be stuck or sewn just about anywhere for just a few dollars.

Flashing light arm bands or clip-on safety lights are also available, more easily manageable than the home flashlights some athletes opt to carry.

"If you can't afford a jersey you don't have to go to the extreme, but some people run so much it's worth the investment," Lazur said. "When someone comes into our store we usually field a few questions to see what they need in running wear. Some of them never run at night."

CLUBS

Lace up and hit the street running with a local jogging club. Two local groups meet at Running Fit, 141 E. Main St.

- Informal Women's-Only, all levels, Thursday, 4 p.m.
- Rocket Dogs Running Club, anyone welcome, Thursdays, 6 p.m.

Tips on ways to stay safe while jogging on local roads

- Here are some tips on how to run and stay safe:
- Tell someone where you'll be and when you'll return.
- Vary your time and route each day.
- Carry ID and a quarter for a phone call.
- Don't approach a car to give directions.
- Face traffic so you can see cars approaching. When crossing an intersection, make eye contact with the driver before proceeding.
- Wear reflective gear at dusk and in the dark.
- Don't go in remote areas.
- Carry hot pepper spray, especially if there are dogs on your route.
- Don't wear headphones outside.
- Get regular physical exams, set realistic goals.
- Dress correctly, stretch.
- Find a partner to train with.

The big winner

Novi attorney Garry Borin decided to spend his grand prize all in one place, as a downpayment on a new car.

Borin was the winner of the Novi Chamber of Commerce's \$5,000 Shopping Spree raffle in December. To collect, he and his wife, Suzy, recently went to pick out a new car at Farmington Hills Chrysler Plymouth.

The event included lunch for the couple at Too Chez and transportation provided by JR Limousine Services.

Photo by JILLIAN QMIND



Students make the honor roll at Novi Middle School

The following students made the honor roll at Novi Middle School for the third marking period of the 1997-98 school year.

- SEVENTH GRADE**
 Lauren Adler, Natasha Adler, Michael Allie, Melissa Anderson, Corey Arrington, Koki Asai, Tony Asencio, Melissa Asher, Tony Aubelo, Adriana Avila, Stephanie Bayless, Aubrey Benjamin, Rachel Belski, Britney Bixant, Matthew Black, Andrea Borasiko, George Bouri, Stephanie Britsin, Marc Brzozowski, Angella Burchard, Amelia Burkhardt, Kelly Burkka, Erika Campbell, Rebecca Campos, Joseph Casorelli, Keith Carroll, Tracy Casanova, Chase Chandler, Kelly Channell, Lisa Chocobelli, Erica Chimienti, Jessica Choudy, Emily Coffield, Brent Coles, Justin Collins, Ryan Cook, Abigail Crofoot, Anna Cynar, Neha Dandawate, Christopher Davis, Keri Delgreco, Jeffrey Dadds, Rebecca Dominick, Megan Dotting, Kiley Elfring, Chady Elhage, Matthew Emmecker, Kevin Enderlin, Katie Fannon, Megan Farrell, James Faysal, Kathryn Fish, Angela Fordham, Julie Fraser, Kristina Fraser, Gabriela Frask, Brian Frey, Yuka Fujihira, Megan Garnham, Jordan Genso, Jennifer Gettis, Alan Gioutsois, Matthew Gist, Sara

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The Log Book

The following is a complete list of the emergency runs of the Novi Fire Department for the week ending Feb. 22. Each incident is listed by type, location, time and the engine and squad number which responded to the call.

MONDAY, FEB. 16

- Medical, 42088 Liberte, 4:04 a.m., Squad 2.
- Medical, 30126 Warley Court, 10:18 a.m., Squad 2.
- Fire alarm, 27790 Novi Road, 11:46 a.m., Engines 1, 2.
- Medical, 25875 Novi Road, 1:08 p.m., Squad 1.
- Service, 39584 Blakeston, 3:45 p.m., Squad 1.
- Fire alarm, 41268 Llewellyn, 4:36 p.m., Engine 3.
- Car fire, M-5 and Twelve Mile Road, 4:38 p.m., Engine 1.
- Medical, Novi Road and Old Novi, 9:09 p.m., Squad 2.

TUESDAY, FEB. 17

- Medical, 41696 Magnolia Court, 12:14 a.m., Squad 2.
- Medical, 45182 West Road, 7:56 a.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, 29603 Charlemagne, 10 a.m., Squad 2.
- Medical, 40000 Eight Mile Road, 10:35 a.m., Squad 3.
- Medical, 45679 Lakeview, 11:41 a.m., Squad 2.
- Fire alarm, 41180 Vincent, 3:07 p.m., Engines 1, 3.
- Fire alarm, 42450 Twelve Mile Road, 4:54 p.m., Engines 1, 2.
- Medical, 39622 Nesrus, 5:29 p.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, 22893 Sagebrush, 5:53 p.m., Squad 3.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 18

- Building fire, 43317 Grand River, 2:19 a.m., Engines 1, 3.
- Medical, 45182 West Road, 6:53 a.m., Squad 2.
- Medical, 45815 Grand River, 10:58 a.m., Squad 4.
- Fire alarm, 44901 Roundview, 11:03 a.m., Engine 3.
- Injury accident, Twelve Mile and Haggerty, 11:53 a.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, Twelve Mile and Haggerty, 12:07 p.m., Squad 2.
- Assist police, Twelve Mile and Haggerty, 1:26 p.m., Squad 1.
- Stand by, 45125 Ten Mile, 5:23 p.m., Response 530.
- Medical, 20800 Woodland Glen, 11:36 p.m., Squad 3.

THURSDAY, FEB. 19

- Medical, 40232 Washington, 8:32 a.m., Squad 1.
- Fuel spill, Novi Road and Grand River, 1:11 p.m., Engine 1.
- Fuel spill, Novi Road and Crescent, 4:19 p.m., Engine 1.
- Medical, 43050 Twelve Oaks Crescent, 4:40 p.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, 40376 Ladene, 5:06 p.m., Squad 3.
- Building fire, 25377 Witson Road, 7:19 p.m., Engines 1, 4.
- Medical, 22837 Woolsey, 10:33 p.m., Squad 3.

FRIDAY, FEB. 20

- Medical, 43045 Nine Mile, 12:42 a.m., Squad 3.
- Car fire, I-96 Rest Area, 2:52 a.m., Engine 1.

SATURDAY, FEB. 21

- Injury accident, Novi and Grand River, 10:23 a.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, 39566 Blakeston, 11:35 a.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, 43236 Eleven Mile, 11:52 a.m., Squad 1.
- Service, Station No. 1, noon, Response 510.
- Medical, Lord & Taylor-Twelve Oaks, 1:41 p.m., Squad 1.
- Service, 42102 Fountain Park, 4:42 p.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, 43300 Crescent, 9:18 p.m., Squad 1.

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

- Medical, 45182 West Road, 9:33 a.m., Squad 2.
- Fuel spill, Novi Road and Old Novi, 11:44 a.m., Engine 2.
- Medical, 42176 Rosecommon, 12:38 p.m., Squad 3.
- Investigation, 30978 Winding Trail, 5:37 p.m., Squad 2.
- Investigation, 24603 Edgewood, 6:20 p.m., Squad 4.
- Medical, 41550 Grand River, 7:31 p.m., Squad 1.
- Medical, 45182 West Road, 10 p.m., Squad 2.

SWOCC seeks resolution to contract negotiations

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Saturday, the second extension to the cable TV franchise between Time Warner and the cities of Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills runs out.

The 1982 contract ended on May 15, 1997, but city councils for the three municipalities twice pushed back the expiration date, as negotiations with the cable company continued.

Monday, at the request of the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission, the Novi City Council agreed to prolong the talks. But this time, underlying the decision is the understanding that SWOCC will come back in two months with a renewal proposal to present to Time Warner.

"SWOCC feels it is in the cities' best interest not to extend without another contract," said SWOCC Executive Director Caren Collins. "This does not preclude us from continuing negotiations. Some headway has been made recently. We don't want this to go on and on and on without an end in sight."

SWOCC's stand, she explained, is that the request will "require Time Warner to come forward with its best offer."

In February, 1997, SWOCC delivered a draft contract to Time Warner and the formal discussion began the next month.

"SWOCC and Time Warner have been in negotiations for the past year, however an agreement has not been reached to satisfy the cities' needs and interests," Collins said.

The commission represents the three cities in working with the cable company.

Under telecommunications law, Time Warner will have four months to respond to the request for a proposal.

"The clock begins ticking at that time," Collins said.

"The city concludes that it is appropriate to issue a request for a renewal proposal to Time Warner, to require Time Warner to identify precisely how it proposes to serve the community during any renewal term and precisely how it plans to resolve any past performance issues that have been identified."

While the contract renewal process began in May 1994, it bogged down when the original cable provider, MetroVision, was taken over by Time Warner and SWOCC needed to approve the change.

Changes in federal telecommunications law in 1996 also slowed the process down.

Obituaries

JOHN D. YANICK
John D. Yanick, 70, of Novi died Feb. 14, at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. Before retiring in 1990, Mr. Yanick was a tool and die maker for Waling Tool.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, and seven siblings. Services were held on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

He served four years in the United States Navy.

He is survived by his son, Cody; parents, Jerry and Janet Fulcher of Perry, Mich.; brothers, Kevin (Marie) of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Jerry (Laurie) of Williamston, Mich. Mr. Fulcher was preceded in death by his daughter, Jasmine.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28, at St. Lukes Lutheran Church in Haslet.

Arrangements were made by Nelson-House Funeral Home, Perry. Memorials to the trust fund for son Cody would be appreciated.

Novi may pay for drainage problems

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

For many of the Quail Ridge residents who turned out for last week's Northville Township board of trustees meeting, it didn't matter if the fault for their disappearing backyards was due to Novi development or not.

All the Quail Ridge contingent wanted was a stop to the erosion before the property damage got out of control.

At the heart of the controversy: a drain which collects stormwater runoff from residential areas on the north side of Eight Mile Road and passes into Northville Township. The problem, according to the Township, comes from the unrestricted stormwater collection from Novi residential areas being channeled into the drain and abruptly dropping off after it crosses the road.

Once the water runs downhill into Quail Ridge - it chews away the surrounding soil and grass, retreating walls and even a swimming pool.

Donald Weaver, an engineering consultant for the Township, explained that the tentative plan called for realigning the channel, constructing a stone lining to the drain bed, and possibly adding a stormwater management structure such as a weir or drop structure.

About 800 feet of the waterway and banks would be affected by the work. Fifty-one percent of the residents who would be assessed by the assessment district would be required to sign a petition in order to finance the township's \$64,640 portion of the total bill.

Novi's share of the work is better than four times as much, at \$298,000. Wayne and Oakland counties would pick up the remaining 4 percent of the cost.

But getting Novi officials involved with the project was proving to be a difficult task, according to Weaver. After engaging in several dialogues with representatives from Novi over the course of many years, Weaver said it had become apparent those on the other side of Eight Mile weren't interested in voluntarily participating in the reconstruction effort.

Northville Township public services supervisor Bill Anderson said the reason the problem has taken so long to address is largely due to the several jurisdictions involved. Anderson said the Quail Ridge issue was "very unusual" because it crossed not only city but also county lines.

"Communities don't have the jurisdiction to assess residents across city lines without the consent of the governmental agency overseeing them."

With that as a backdrop, Weaver said Northville Township was considering utilizing a portion of Michigan's drain code which addresses inter-municipality disputes.

Essentially, Chapter 21 of the code can force municipalities to pay for drain reconstruction if two other governmental entities join hands: in this case, Northville Township and Wayne County.

"The solution we're looking at certainly does involve Novi," Weaver said. "We intend on bringing them into this."

Other residents who turned out for the meeting said they'd spent their time bringing people out of the swelling waterway, including Quail Ridge resident Alan McBride. In the two years he's lived in Northville Township, McBride said he's been forced to pull his son from the creek-turned-small river twice.

"I've got to tell you - when I came home from work on Monday, I expected to see that my deck wouldn't be standing anymore," he said.

For their part, Novi leaders said they recognized the significance of the problem, but said a good portion of the erosion problems came from poor construction planning within Quail Ridge.

According to a letter dated Dec. 23, 1996 from the Novi engineering firm of JCK & Associates, plans for Quail Ridge showed a pair of flaws, which in Novi's estimation, contributed heavily to the erosion problem.

First, JCK said the plans indicated two ponds "proposed to be restored were used as temporary sedimentation basins for the sub-

division construction." Second, the ponds "were designed to be removed and a swale constructed with 1:4 sideslopes."

The letter said the grading of the Quail Ridge lots adjacent to the drain "appear to be substantially different than the original plans indicated."

For that reason, a letter sent from the office of Novi public services director Tony Nowicki to Anderson two months later said that based on JCK's analysis of the situation, it was "recommended that the city of Novi not participate in (the) proposed drain improvements through the Quail Ridge subdivision."

On Tuesday, Nowicki said he had had no contact with township authorities regarding the Quail Ridge situation since February of 1997.

"We've always indicated that we've been willing to sit down and talk about it," Nowicki said. "After that Feb. 11 letter, we've had no communication with township people about it."

Novi city manager Ed Kriewall said that for the time being, Novi has no intent of voluntarily contributing to the reconstruction effort.

"Before any work on the drain will be done, Anderson said a number of additional public hearings would be scheduled.

Though township authorities hope to move on the project this summer, the greater likelihood would be to have the construction begin in the spring of 1999.

Committee preps for summit

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

"The days of cinder blocks and smoke stacks are over," according to Economic Development Committee member Jonathan Brateman.

In a preview of the March 14 Economic Summit in Novi, Brateman told the Novi Planning Commission that today's industrial and office buildings have changed for the better.

"We're trying to bring beautiful buildings to the community," he said.

The summit, which will focus on adding more non-residential buildings to the city of Novi, is part of a Novi initiative to diversify the tax base and address development issues.

"We feel the implications for the city are serious," said Bud Scott, part of the economic development committee. In particular, he pointed out, if office and industrial growth doesn't boom soon in the city, residents may see higher taxes.

"We remind the community that 42 percent of the tax base is due to non-homestead (businesses) even though it accounts for only 15 percent of land use," said Brateman.

In recent years, though, the amount of industry hasn't grown enough the EDC believes.

"We are not naysayers. We are trying to work cooperatively with the city to say the trend is toward greater residential than commercial and industrial," Brateman said.

As a result the chamber and the city are working on ordinance changes to facilitate the growth, in particular the Office/Service Technology district. The ordinance, passed last year, was designed to encourage research and development firms to locate within the city borders.


Along with the attention to the industrial sector of the community, the EDC completed an update of the 1995 report, Novi at the Crossroads of Development.

According to Scott, since the original report, the city has changed in landscape and process.

The site plan manual was revisited and revised, the research and development ordinance (OST) was created, "city staffer Greg Caplan was appointed to be the economic development coordinator for Novi and the Economic Development Committee reconvened

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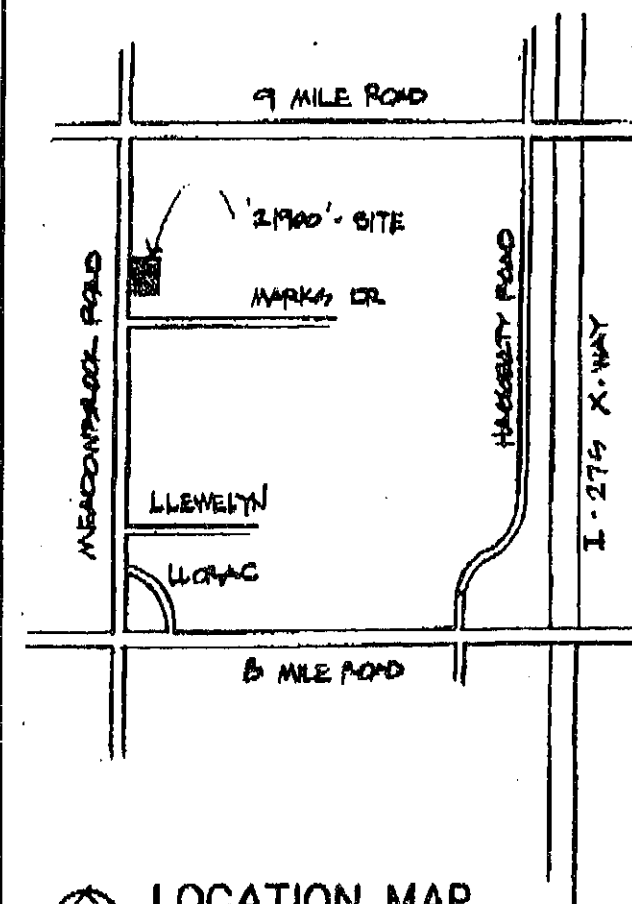
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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 1998.

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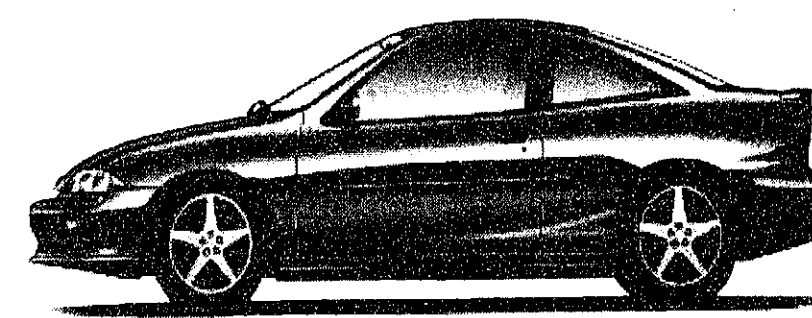
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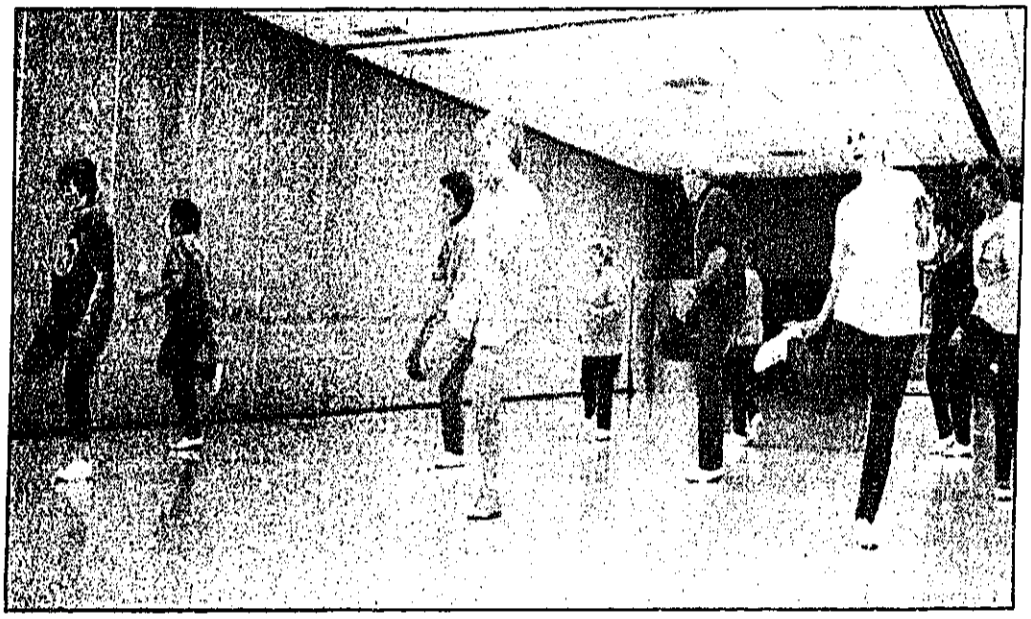


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A little bit country

Lois and Don Hanley, above front, lead the Sixth Gate Cloggers in a dance routine during rehearsal at the troupe's normal hangout, the Novi Civic Center. Members of the Sixth Gate

Cloggers were working of a country-western tune last Wednesday. At right, Donna Thomas slaps a little leather during the number. Thomas has been with the troupe for 10 years.



Senators mull out-of-state prisons

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

Michigan could more easily house its prisoners in out-of-state facilities under a bill that cleared the state Senate after hot partisan debate.

The Republican majority on Feb. 18 shot down an amendment by Democrat Gary Peters, of Bloomfield Township, to require the Department of Corrections to "exhaust all alternatives" before sending Michigan criminals to other states.

"Just transferring is an expensive solution," said Peters, a former stockbroker who enjoys using Republican slogans to support Democratic ideas. "This does not limit the options of MDOC. It demands good business practices. If it's cheaper to send a prisoner out of state, you can go ahead and do it."

But the bill's sponsor, Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, insisted the measure was a common sense and public safety bill. "We must not take any option off the table in

keeping prisoners locked up."

Peters' amendment was backed by 16 Democrats and one northern Republican and opposed by 19 Republicans. Missing the vote was Michael Bouchard, R-Birmingham.

Republicans also shot down on a purely party-line vote an amendment by Democrat Virgil Smith of Detroit to prohibit assigning Michigan inmates to privately operated prisons in other states.

Bennett objected that "this amendment would erode our ability to keep the public safe. The more we lock up prisoners, the safer our communities will be. That's an absolute statement of fact. I will protect my daughter."

Replicid Democratic floor leader John Cherry of Clio: "It's simply not true that the issue is locking up prisoners. We deal with that in sentencing guidelines. This bill is not about whether they should be locked up. The issue is where they will be locked up."

"Imprisonment — depriving a person of liberty — should only be done

by government. We ought not to return to the 18th Century and allow that to be done by private individuals. These facilities should be publicly owned and publicly run."

Democrat George Z. Hart of Dearborn said sending inmates to other states would place them further from their families and retard their rehabilitation, increasing the chances that the inmates will turn to crime once released.

Democrat Jim Berryman of Adrian offered an amendment to prohibit married inmates from being sent to other states, Bennett called Berryman's idea "a form of discrimination against unmarried prisoners." The Berryman amendment went down in a sea of red lights.

The bill was passed 24-12, with 20 Republicans and four Democrats supporting it. Senator Bill Buitard, R-Milford, voted yes.

Bennett's bill would amend the Corrections Act to say the department doesn't need an inmate's con-

sent to transfer him or her to another state, unless the transfer is for the inmate's personal safety.

The bill also:

- Removes the requirement that a Michigan prisoner in another state receive a hearing within a specified time.
- Allows the DOC director to enter into a contract confining Michigan inmates to private prisons in other states.
- Provides that Michigan wouldn't be responsible for a prisoner hearing for a prisoner transferred to another state.

Michigan's prison population has grown from 12,500 in 1983 to 42,000 currently. Gov. John Engler has called for construction of 5,400 more prison beds.

The bill goes to the House.

Refer to Senate Bill 838 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

Six Novi High students head to academic finals

Out of the seven Novi High School students announced in September as semi-finalists in the 1998 National Merit Scholarship Competition, six have been named as finalists.

The students will compete against 14,000 other students around the nation for a chance to receive Merit Scholarship status and \$28 million in scholarships.

They are Rosabel Chang, Richard Kowalczyk, Sophie Liao, Julie Nann, Stephanie Perry and Ginny Waymouth.

According to program coordinators, 90 percent of semi-finalists become finalists.

The students were entered into the program upon taking the 1996 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as juniors, which served as a screen representing less than one percent of the state's high school graduating class, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

To advance onto the Finalist level, the students must maintain an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by

their high school and submit SAT I scores. The semifinalist also fills out an extensive application with a self-descriptive essay and information about participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Three types of scholarships will be offered in 1998. Each and every finalist will be considered for one of 2,200 National Merit \$2,000 Scholarships to be awarded on a state representational basis.

Another 1,200 scholarships are to be offered by corporations, company foundations and other business organizations. Most of the corporate-sponsored scholarships are designated for children of employees of the company that some are retained for other finalists.

A final 4,000 scholarships for finalists attending some 200 universities will be presented as Merit Scholarship Awards.

The corporation will announce the winners in April of 1998 to add to the list of more than 170,000 other students who have earned the Merit Scholar title since the first awards were offered in 1956.

Accident ends in ravine shooting tragedy

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blanket and walked down into the knee-high water of a swampy ravine.

"He was really despondent," explained Lindberg, who was the first cop to follow. "I was yelling at him to put the gun down ... Don't worry about it. It was just an accident. I told him."

The man did set the gun down momentarily, but as Officer Hotsel arrived to assist, he unwrapped it from the blanket, put on a hunting vest loaded with ammunition and held onto the 12-gauge shotgun.

While it seemed as if an eternity, the entire incident lasted maybe three minutes, police said. Still, the officers began to wonder whether he might shoot at them.

He then requested, the officers said, that they shoot him in the

head, not the back.

Lindberg, a trained member of the crisis management team, said he tried to talk to Teufel but couldn't get through to him. The man turned the gun on himself and fired one shot.

He was pronounced dead by emergency workers within minutes.

According to police, additional weapons and ammunition were found in the car along with empty prescription bottles. Toxicology reports will not be available for several weeks.

Two women involved in the accident were taken to area hospitals and were treated and released. There were no other reported injuries.

Teufel, the father of three adolescent girls, was born and raised

in Detroit. He was a licensed master electrician and owner and founder of Teufel Electric Inc.

His wife, Sheila, said in an obituary release that he was a gifted artist and a very devoted and loving husband and father.

"He had a deep respect for and a profound enjoyment of all nature's wonders, oddities and beauties," she said. "He was a good hearted and compassionate soul."

The community has rallied around the family, according to Jerry Moons, Sheila's father.

"The Holy Family Church community has been marvelous, pulling together to help the family," he said. "The family expresses sincere gratitude."

In addition, he said Walled Lake Schools PTO members and friends have delivered food and assistance

during the last few days.

Teufel is survived by his wife of 16 years, Sheila, and three daughters: Nicole Ann, 15, Britni, 14, and Lisa Marie, 10. He is also survived by brothers, Craig, Mark, George and sister, Cory.

He was the son of Glen and Sam Teufel.

Visitations were held Sunday at O'Brien Chapel/Ted. C. Funeral Home in Novi, funeral services were Monday at Holy Family Church also in Novi. Teufel was buried at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Memorials can be sent to the Richard E. Teufel Memorial Fund, care of Monica Moons, P.O. Box 9057, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9057. All donations will go toward an education fund for the three daughters.

Apartment plan back on city table

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

Although already approved for a 300-unit apartment development at the corner of Twelve Mile and Novi Roads, Enriko Sassoon was back before the Novi Planning Commission Feb. 18 with what he called a better plan.

What happened said his attorney Joseph Galvin, was that Sassoon found a townhome design he liked better than the one the City Council approved in 1996. The smaller brownstone-type building is ten feet shorter than his three-story original plan and blends in with the lush woodland surroundings, he explained.

Sassoon is the main developer in the larger Solonino Group.

Society Hill, a \$1.5 million project, was granted an extension last year for the luxury apartment complex on 37 acres on the site.

Thirty-two acres, or 90 percent of

the property, are regulated woodlands. Under the new plan still 50 percent of the site would be preserved and an estimated 1,000 trees will be cut down.

However, the commissioners were not any happier with the new version than they were when it first arrived on their table. An increase in the number of buildings, 25 instead of 11, and the continuing intrusion into what the city considers a valuable wildlife area were unacceptable. The plan was given a negative recommendation to the Novi City Council, which will have final approval.

While the use of a PUD option allows Sassoon more density in return for saving more of the woodland, commissioners were still wary of the traffic impact on the already congested Novi Road.

In addition, they suggested the project be sensitive to the neighboring farm to the south.

Entries called for in farmhouse essay contest

Detroit metropolitan area students in grades 4-12 may enter the "Friends of the Foster Farmhouse" essay contest in celebration of Black History and Women's History months. Entry deadline is March 13.

The subject is "What does the Foster Farmhouse Mean to You?" The subject refers to the Walled Lake home, originally built in the

1830s, that was a "depot" on the Underground Railroad before the Civil War.

"The purpose of the contest is to encourage youth to become aware of the history of rights in the United States," said Dr. Judith Road, contest judging supervisor.

"We also want students to improve their writing skills and develop an appreciation for local

history and architecture."

Three prizes in each division will be awarded, including first prize, \$25; second prize, \$15 and third prize, a \$10 gift certificate from Borders Books.

The contest will include four divisions for students in grades 4 and 5 (Division 1); grade 6 (Division 2); grades 7 and 8 (Division 3) and grades 9-12 (Division 4).

Length of essays for grades 4-5 is 150 to 250 words; all others, 400-500 words.

Contest rules, as well as brochure describing the history of the farmhouse, is available by contacting Dr. Judith Road at 248-553-7200. Entries are to be mailed to Dr. Road, c/o William Tyndale College, 35700 W. Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331-3147.

Taffy pull set for March 7

Friends of the Walled Lake City Library will host the 15th annual Folk Dance and Taffy Pull on Saturday, March 7, from 1-3 p.m. at the Richardson Community Center located at 1485 Oakley Park

Road. Steve Gold, board member of the Oakland County Traditional Dance Society, is making a return appearance. He will call the steps and lead family and friends through the hour of dancing.

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House hears insurance horror stories

By TIM RICHARD Staff Writer

The cases are few, but a bitter battle is going on between dissatisfied insurance claimants and the companies that insure their homes, businesses and health.

The battlefield is the state House Insurance Committee, which is considering a bill that would claimants sue for "exemplary damages" court costs and attorneys' fees if they can prove an insurer failed to settle in "good faith."

"Bad faith laws give claimants a tool to settle," said William Wyszynski, a disabled Oxford architect. He told the panel Feb. 11 that "the only way I collected (in a Texas car crash case) was the threat of a bad faith law."

"There are no negatives for an insurance company to drag its feet," agreed Novi general agent Matt Williams. "There has to be a downside for insurance companies."

The gist of their complaints was that a claimant who sues an insurer can't collect more than the amount of the policy. So after paying court and attorneys' costs, the claimant never can be "made whole."

Panel chair David Gubow, D-Huntington Woods, and committee Democrats liked that testimony and appeared to favor a bill by Rep. Danadac Curtis, D-Swartz Creek, which would allow suits for more than the face amount of the policy.

ing changes that affect 100 percent of customers."

Crue, a former legislator from Troy, chided Gubow's committee for uncritically listening to:

- "Sweeping, unfounded accusations of witnesses not under oath."
- One side of cases that have been resolved.

Crue pointed to the Detroit Free Press Feb. 5 story that said: "In years, 27-year-old Candy Tilley told the hearing how Farm Bureau denied her claim and accused her of arson after her Flint home was destroyed ... (The insurance company's) allegations cost her her Realtor's license."

"The fire occurred Feb. 23, 1995," said Crue. "Her real estate employer dismissed her three months before the fire. She surrendered her license one and a half months before the fire — on Jan. 3, 1995."

"She didn't tell you that the undisputed fact was that the electricity had been turned off and couldn't have sparked a fire in the furnace."

Crue said that Farm Bureau dealt with 12,336 fire claims, of which only 448 were investigated. Of those, 42 were "suspicious or arson and denied. That's one-third of one percent. There's nothing state government or this Legislature can do to do a better job than is being done."

"I'm not here to defend insurance companies who act maliciously. It happens, but not very much. There is no incentive for an insurance company not to deal with a claim in a fair and reasonable manner."

nesses.

"Without had faith laws, the legal process would not have worked," said Wyszynski, adding, "No matter what I gave them (the insurer), there was another hoop."

He said the insurer targeted "those who could not fight back, not those who worked for attorneys or worked for an attorney" or appeared to be from higher socioeconomic groups.

Williams, the Novi agent, said he quit the property-casualty lines because it was so "volatile." He suggested lawmakers write a law to allow judges to dismiss frivolous cases promptly, "just like rule 11 in federal court. They'll throw it out. That causes plaintiffs to think 20 times before going to court."

Williams said insurers still "red-line certain zip codes in Detroit for commercial insurance." He added that "98 percent of claims are handled admirably and honorably. I don't have an axe to grind."

Toni Speck, president of Titan Insurance Co. in Rochester Hills, opposed the Curtis bill because "it will cause us to go to court less. We will put less into investigation of claims. The price of auto insurance will go up."

Chris Page, who heads Titan's special investigations unit, said law enforcement agencies give auto fraud cases zero priority. Page said "there's quite a bit of fraud in auto claims," though only one percent end up in his unit.

Rep. Gubow said, "I see your fear of a 'chilling effect' on your investigations. In cases of the big guy versus the little guy, we have trouble damages in the auto lemon law. But this bill doesn't call for punitive damages."

"It's not my intent to report this bill out today," said Gubow, indicating he would listen to any remedies insurers might propose — if they choose to propose any. "If an insurance company is not playing fairly, should there be a remedy?" he asked Crue pointedly.

Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth, said legislative hearings weren't a good forum for assessing the problem because "it's difficult to get both sides of the story. I've heard people complain about the difficulty in collecting from the Michigan Catastrophic Claims system. But if you lived in any other state, you'd get nothing — you'd be a ward of the state."

"The question is: Will this bill solve any of the problems?"

The Feb. 11 hearing was the second in the committee's series. During the first, the panel heard John Riley of Milford say that a contractor's insurer still hasn't cleaned up an oil spill in his basement.

Ted Atchison, a Bloomfield Hills homeowner, said he has battled his insurer for years to pay for \$100,000-plus in water damage at his home, complaining: "They'll just delay and delay and delay. There's no way I'll ever get my money out of this."

Refer to House Bill 4098 when writing to your state representative, State Capitol, PO Box 30014, Lansing 48909.

Driver John Fitch to speak at museum on racing, safety

Sports car racing legend John Fitch will be the featured speaker on Thursday, March 12, at the Motorsports Hall of Fame. Fitch will be speaking on the topics of racing and motorsports safety. The program begins at 7:30 p.m.

Fitch, whose biography is appropriately titled "Racing Through Life," was a World War II pilot, a factory Mercedes-Benz racer, the first ever SCCA national champion, the winner of the second-over 12 Hours of Sebring race, a car builder, a track promoter, and most recently, a motorsports safety advocate. He will share a few of his

more interesting tales, including stories of his days as a teammate to Juan Fangio and Stirling Moss. He will also have demonstration videos of his latest developments in motorsports safety technology.

The museum is located inside the Novi Expo Center. Admission is \$6 and includes a tour of the museum displaying numerous racing and high performance vehicles. The museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Doors will reopen for the speaker at 7 p.m. Call 1-800-250-RACE for tickets or more information.

Costco Warehouse plans new store on Haggerty Road

Discount shoppers will want to check out the new Costco Warehouse store opening this April at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads in Livonia.

According to marketing vice president Jerry Anderson, the company is "the Nordstrom of wholesalers," setting itself apart from the competition (Sam's Club warehouses) by offering "more upscale name brands and ancillary service stores within our stores."

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"It's silly," replied Doug Crue, president of the Michigan Insurance Federation, "to use the examples that were paraded before you (a week earlier) to make sweep-

FOOT-DRAGGING DELAYS
Oh, yes, there is, said other wit-

Students meet baby alpaca

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sized, but they generally have a more friendly disposition than many llamas.
When fully grown, Freddie will stand a full three feet at the shoulder and about five feet at his head. "He thinks I'm his mother," Schmidt said.
While llamas are used as beasts of burdens in Bolivia and Peru, the finer-haired alpacas are valued for their wool. Freddie won't be ready for a shearing until he's an adult of two or three years old. Then, he would make sweaters a fine, chestnut brown sweater without suffering much from the cold himself.
Alpacas come in 20 colors, but the white are more expensive because of the ease in dyeing the lighter wool. The wool sells for \$3.50 per ounce, Schmidt said.
She purchased her alpaca from a breeder in Milford.

Assessments rise 11 percent

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I like it."
Last year's average residential increase was 5 percent.
On Feb. 27, the city's 14,000 assessment notices will go out in the mail.
Last year's total SEV was \$1.712 billion.
Commercial property in Novi has a 1998 SEV of \$404 million, while industrial is just under \$139 million. Lemmon places large tracts of land that are destined for major developments such as subdivisions or industrial parks in a separate category. That area accounts for \$47 million of the SEV.
Commercial and industrial property will see an average SEV increase of zero, which will be the figure used to calculate 1998 taxes.
The SEV is one-half of the estimated market value of a property, with the figure reached by the

Center and ask to see the paperwork on their property. Homeowners can make sure that information, such as square footage, is correct.
"Square footage is at the exterior of the house, except for the garage. When people measure, they're measuring their rooms and their closets," he said.
Proposals to change how homeowners look at assessments. "Taxpayers would be concerned about their taxable value. It used to be a two-edged sword," Lemmon said.
"You'd also hear them say, 'I'm glad my assessment went up because it means my investment is a good investment.'"
The department has recently installed a new computer system to track Novi property and increase accuracy in arriving at SEVs.
"There's going to be some differ-

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Tuesday, March 10, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11, noon to 9 p.m.
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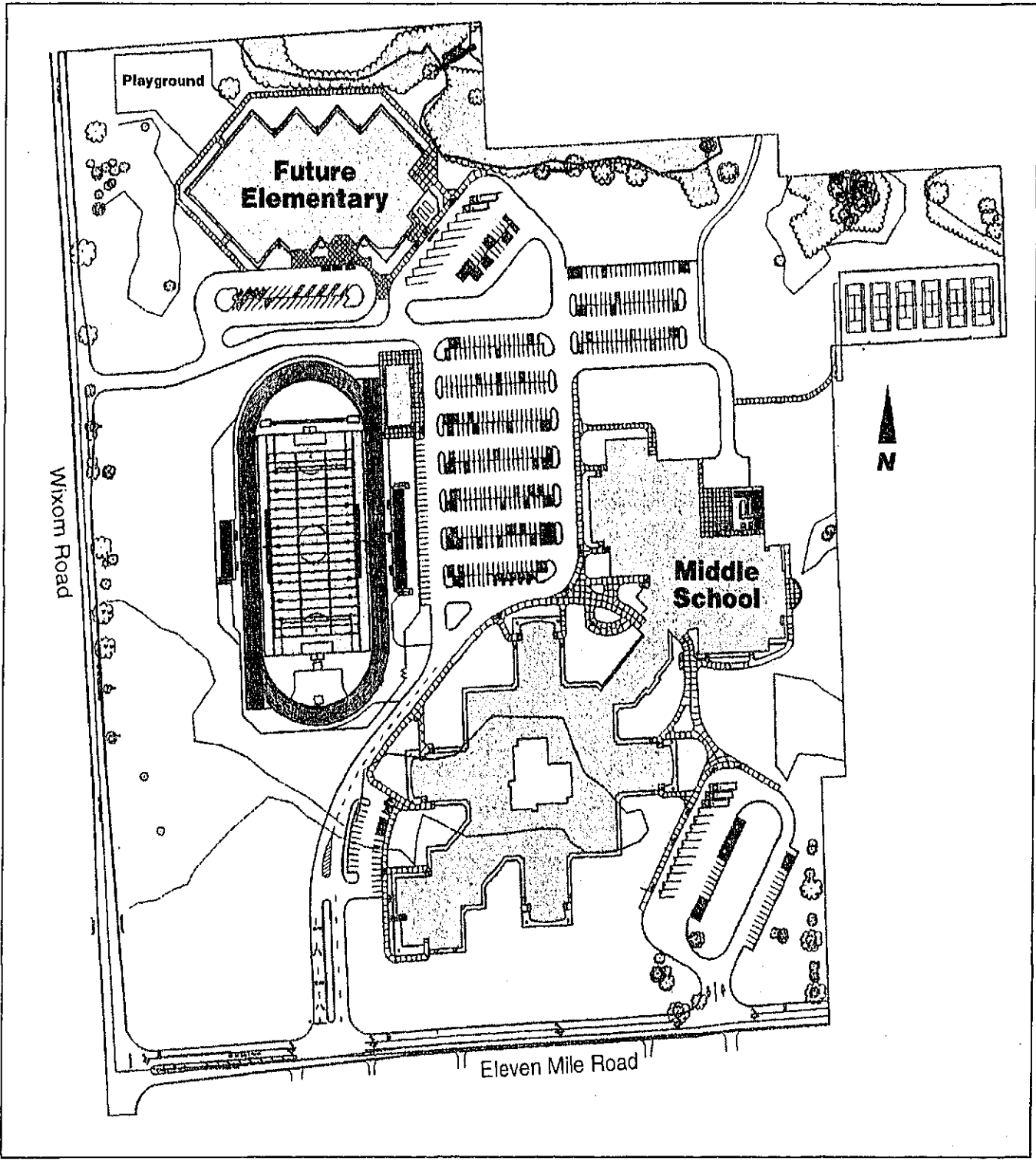
Assessing Department's study of the previous year's sales records.
Lemmon encourages residents to come to counter of the Assessing Department in the Novi Civic

District heads to the ballot March 28

Novi schools asking for more school space

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to the door," said Katherine Elrod.
Besides the growing lack of space at Novi Woods, parents, teachers and part-time counselors and nurses are turning out of room to meet. Instead they are pushed into hallways. Large presentations take place in the cafeterias.
In addition, said Principal Jackie Lawrence, the students have a "green dot" system which regulates traffic in the hallways and common areas. The youngsters also walk with their hands behind their backs to make for easier movement.
The overcrowding is not just an issue at Novi Woods. It's at all four of the elementary schools. And it's only going to get worse estimates Jim Koster, district superintendent for business.
The fastest growing part of the student population is the elementary students. This year's K-4 student population was 166 students over enrollment projections from a 1994 study, Koster said. He pointed out the western part of Novi saw a 13 percent increase in 5-year-olds last year.
Overall, the district enrollment grew 20 percent to a little more than 5,000 but the elementary population is expected to grow faster than the rest of the district in the upcoming years.
These statistics, along with personal observations, are what principals, parents and teachers are bringing to small coffee meetings around the city meant to address a March 28 bond election for the Novi Community School District.
"This gives the voters an opportunity to stay with the growing enrollment," said Tom Workman, interim principal at Village Oaks. "Once you get behind very far you never get caught up and then you wind up shifting kids around town."
The district would use \$12.5 million of the \$17.3 million bond issue to build an 80,000 square foot school on property at Wilson and Eleven Mile roads near the new middle school currently under construction. To open in August of 2000, the school would accommodate 500 kindergartners through fourth graders.
For many parents and teachers, the school can't be built fast enough.
Right now, the elementary schools are at an approximate 93 percent capacity with 663 students at Parkview, 519 students at

SITE PLAN: Future Elementary School



Orchard Hills, 570 Novi Woods and 432 Village Oaks according to district figures.
By contractual agreement in Novi, classroom sizes for the kindergarten through second grade classes can't exceed 26 students. Sizes for grades three and four max out at 28. Principals confirm, however, the sizes are creeping up to the maximum with about 25 to 27 students in an average class.
"We do have some wiggle room for next year," explained Parkview Principal Joseph Imrick. "If I don't have a lot of people move in next year I can maintain the same level of classrooms overall by adjusting. That will buy time before there is a new building."
Some parents within the district are concerned the overcrowding will affect education if something isn't done soon and appeared at several recent Novi Board of Education meetings to push for the proposal.
Orchard Hills is looking at putting art on a cart next year. The teacher won't have her own classroom, said Michelle Sankovic, a PTO member at the school. "If I don't do something now ... they'll be back here years from now."
Mary Beth Kennedy also told the board the students need space to learn and grow. Putting classrooms in community rooms is not a long-term solution.
"They deserve more than that," she said.
This isn't the first time the district has experienced growing pains.

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LOCATION MAP
All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, 45175 West Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 4, 1998.
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene in its first session at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 3, 1998 in the Novi Assessing Department at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll.
Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing, and considering assessment protests in the Novi City Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 9, 10 & 11, 1998. All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only. If you or your representative want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 6, 1998. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office. **NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT OFFICE.**
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As We See It

Traffic around Expo requires city attention

It's just another weekend, at least as far as you're concerned, and you're traveling about town. Perhaps you are on a family outing. Maybe you are running errands.



Michael Malott

What ever the purpose of your travel, you find you're required to pass by the Novi Expo Center at Novi Road and I-96 — being in the heart of town, it is sometimes very hard to avoid. There you find you get caught up in heavy traffic. If you had been planning to attend one of the Expo Center events, it would be another thing. You might expect that heavy traffic. But if you are just happening by, it can be obnoxious. It can throw your schedule.

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likely to be years away.

Many residents in town have taken to avoiding the area during weekends, because they don't want to risk getting caught up in unexpected traffic congestion.

An interim solution might well be in order. Keep in mind that growth in the area in terms of new commercial and office developments will add even more traffic to the area's roads, so if they open sooner that the road improvements, they'll just exacerbate the problem.

The city needs to take a look at what's happening with traffic traveling to and from the Expo Center, and at traffic flows throughout the town center area, and work at making them better.

Now, there may well be some things the city can do, it might take a lesson from the police departments that control traffic around the Silverdome, the Palace and Pine Knob. There, traffic cops often take over the roads before and after an event, and they are able to quickly move traffic in and out of the parking lots.

Mind you, we are not saying anyone is falling down on the job, or that the city has ignored the problem. Indeed, a great deal of work has been done with traffic in the Novi Road/I-96 area, and many improvements have been made.

One Novu resident raised an additional concern, the prospect that it would be difficult for emergency personnel to get to a car stuck in traffic if the need arose. That's a very legitimate concern, although we frankly are not sure what the solution is.

But Novi is growing. And the town center area is growing, adding stores and facilities. So more work is needed in this area.

However, one would have to believe that emergency personnel in towns like New York, Boston and Los Angeles have worked on this problem too. Perhaps they have devised some creative ways for getting through traffic jams and getting to people in need of help. Perhaps Novi could learn something from them.

Residents need to have a little patience with the city too. As we said, the city has been working on the problem and has made a number of improvements over the years. Traffic problems certainly are not unique to Novi. And the city is working to make things better. Improvements will come.

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Traffic at the Expo Center became an issue again during the Spring Home & Garden Show earlier this month. Scheduled for just two days, the show is one of the Expo Center's best attended events. As a result this year, traffic bogged down. One resident reported being stuck in traffic without moving for 45 minutes.

And he contended that traffic cops posted in the area only screwed up the computerized FAST-TRAC traffic management system during this past show, so they left the area to let the computer do its job.

Now, the city has been working on an extension of its proposed ring road past the entrance of the Expo Center. That would give the Expo a second entrance on Grand River, as well as the existing one on Novi Road, and should help to alleviate much of the problem. But construction of such a road could be some time away. Likewise, city officials say other road work, such as the extension of M-5 and upgrading of the Beck/I-96 may help to take some congestion pressure off the Novi Road interchange. They could well be right, but again it is

His plans are well taken. But the growth of the city and the resulting growth of traffic in that area means the city will have to continue its efforts to improve things there.

And while the city is working on it, we urge residents to take a deep breath and have some patience.

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Novi reportedly drew the attention of the governor because it was one of the first 50 school districts in the nation to join the Family Education Network, through which district residents can access a great deal of information about the schools over the Internet.

Now it is just the latest development in what has been a long commitment in the district to give teachers and students the tools they need to prepare for the life in a high tech future.

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The value of controversy



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"Why must the newspaper for the press in general be so controversial?"

"Because that's our job. When there is a controversy, our readers expect us to cover it. They want to know about it and understand it. When there is no on-going controversy, it's the paper's job to bring up issues that need to be talked about."

I've heard that question from time to time, when I make presentations to groups or classes, or during phone calls or private conversations. Letter writers sometimes ask it.

And I have to admit that my standard answer, given above, doesn't really explain it very well. It just sounds like I believe the press should be controversial because I think readers want us to be, which is not the case.

Sometimes I point out that the word "controversy" carries a negative connotation, as if it were a bad thing. But the same people who raise the question are likely to agree that newspapers should debate and discuss current events as well as social and political issues.

Then I point out that at least my copy of Webster's Dictionary defines a "controversy" as a "debate" or "discussion" of a dispute or disagreement.

And I go on to suggest that people sometimes decide which word to use depending on whether they want to have the discussion, calling it a "debate" if they do, a "controversy" if they don't.

What I've come to realize is that all that explaining still really misses the point. Some people see controversy as a negative thing. And what I should be doing is pointing out that there is a value to debate and disagreement. Yes, there is a value to controversy.

Perhaps the best way to describe that value is to make an analogy ... to your car. We Americans do love our cars, don't we? The one thing we hate is being broken down at the side of the

road.

Every year, Detroit engineers offer up a whole new batch of new whiz-bang improvements to their designs. If you own a late model car (and you do!) you have the best in transportation technology that the world is offering — anti-lock brakes, carb forward design, computerized engine controls, air bags, etc. Soon we'll even have computerized navigation systems on our cars.

Each year, those engineers dream up their improvements, build a bunch of concept cars and prototypes, then go out and put them to the test on the track. They purposely produce a lot of breakage to see which ideas work and which don't. It is a very messy process indeed. But I can think of no one who would suggest we shouldn't have test tracks.

When it comes to social policy, we all bring our own prototypes (our ideas and proposals) and put them on the test track (let everyone debate them) to see if we can poke holes in them.

Maybe so, but consider what really happens when you add school elections to the bedsheet ballot we see in November. When folks are trying to figure out voting for president, governor, U.S. senators, U.S. representatives, state senators, state representatives, county officials and judges. It's pretty easy for school issues to get lost in the shuffle.

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Like-wise at the local level, you couldn't make a concept car of, say, a proposal to build a golf course or a Main Street or an ice arena. They only work if you have the full scale models.

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Instead, we discuss and debate and argue and dispute and, yes, have controversies. They serve as our test tracks to insure the our society uses only the best ideas when it moves ahead.

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The world's a safer place for frogs



Jan Jeffres

Were you ever forced to probe the innards of a dead, pickled frog?

And didn't you want to hurl them at your seventh or eighth or ninth grade biology teacher, for blackmailing you into doing this to get through his (or her) class with a passing grade?

In the first place, what a gross thing to do. In the second place, I can't to this day see why I had to have intimate knowledge of frog guts, when I could just look at a plastic model.

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Not only weren't students keen on the idea, but Sieggren said teachers were beginning to view the practice as an unwarranted slaughter of life to educate kids who mostly weren't going on to medical

school or the sciences. Moreover, it wasn't healthy for the youngsters to be around all the formaldehyde that the frogs were packed in.

Today's a more enlightened era, at least when it comes to frogs.

Still, I feel a lingering sense of guilt about the whole experience, but not because of my brutality to Sydney Carlton, my pickled frog corpse. (Our class was fond of literary names for the dead critters.)

When I did the dirty deed, I impressed all with my surgical precision in handling the tools, because my goal was to keep my fingers from ever coming in contact with rubbery frog flesh.

But before we started in on frogs, my biology teacher asked if anybody had any cats or kittens at home they didn't want and could donate to the class for chopping up. A couple of outraged girls and I ran home and protested to our parents. My mom was one of many who had a few harsh words for the principal the next morning.

The school administrators called an end to the cat plan, but I always felt the smallest tinge of remorse for getting my teacher in trouble.

Especially after he gave me an A in dissection. Oh, the frog-manity.

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This cure is worse than the disease



Phil Power

Remember the old line about the cure being worse than the disease? Here's a real life example.

The Michigan Senate passed earlier this month a package of bills that would consolidate school board elections on the November general election ballot instead of being held at various times during the year.

The disease, everybody agrees, is poor turnout at school elections.

"I was a township clerk. We have too many elections," says Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, sponsor of one of the bills. "We have turnouts of 30,000 for the presidential elections and 1,500 for school board elections."

Worse, there's good evidence that school people — board members, principals, teachers unions, PTOs, whoever — often conspire to schedule elections at times when low turnout makes it possible for a dedicated minority of supporters to pass bond issues.

"I nearly fell off my chair," said Sen. Joanne Emmons, R-Big Rapids, "when a school board member, who shall be unnamed, said in our hearing, 'We don't want all those people voting in our election!'"

A quick look at recent Michigan school election statistics confirms the fear.

Michigan has 555 K-12 school districts and 57 intermediate (county-wide) districts. They produce a lot of elections. According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, there were 1,074 school elections in 1994 and 641 in 1995.

This can produce low turnouts, especially in millage elections. In 1994, for example,

ple, Birmingham voters by 3-1 approved 24.61 mills in February 1996. That's fine, but only 5,455 people voted out of 60,000 eligible voters, a 9.09 percent turnout. In March 1995, a 7.89 percent turnout in Rochester adopted 18 mills.

So what's the cure? The Michigan Senate, 31-5, thinks it's holding school elections only at specified times: Tuesdays following the first Mondays in April, August and at the November general elections. Schools could hold elections at other times, but they would have to pay 105 percent of the cost — a big disincentive.

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Fortunately, there is a good alternative available to the Michigan House as it starts to consider the matter: That is to lump together all education races into one single education election. Voters would select members of the State Board of Education, regents of the University of Michigan, trustees of Michigan State University, governors of Wayne State University, community college boards, and members of local school boards.

Confronted with an entire election dealing with matters educational, the news media would be obliged actually to cover the races, to question candidates, to evaluate qualifications and question positions. Candidates would be required to explain their positions. "Name" candidates would be discouraged. Citizens would have a chance to think about the totality of education policy in Michigan.

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Overcrowding should be addressed

To the Editor:

This letter is in regard to the upcoming Novi school board proposal. While we are very pleased with the quality education Novi schools offer, we are writing this letter so others will be aware of some major concerns facing our children's future in Novi schools.

All five Novi elementary schools (this includes Meadows, the fifth-sixth grade facility) are at, or very near, capacity. When my son started kindergarten at Parkview six years ago, there were only three kindergarten classes. Since that time Parkview has had as many as six kindergarten classes. This year, areas that once served as storage space have been converted into instructional space. Portable units are a real possibility for daily classrooms in the near future. Is this the type of classroom you want your child spending their school day in? The overcrowding also affects space in the lunchroom, the gymnasium for assemblies, parking for school events, etc., etc. We've seen many changes in the past six years. All of the Novi elementary schools have similar problems. The problems aren't safety and improved traffic flow are the key factors. These concerns must be corrected before someone, young or old, gets hurt.

Finally, we were truly embarrassed to learn that our high school athletic field doesn't meet state guidelines. Imagine how our young players felt after earning home field advantage only to learn that the state wouldn't allow the districts to be played on Novi's field. Imagine what this says about the condition of our field.

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Joseph G. Toth

Letters

inform about all the issues and to think of the kids rather than the tax bill. No one wants to pay more taxes but I for one know that I can waste a lot more each year than what my tax increase will be. It is money well spent.

Is everyone aware that our school playgrounds have equipment that no longer meets safety guidelines? One by one, pieces have been removed from our playgrounds as those pieces have been deemed no longer safe to play on. Therefore, as the enrollment in our schools keeps increasing, the playgrounds offer less and less equipment. There are also drainage, safety fall zone and surface material improvements which must be made to ensure these playgrounds are safe for our children.

Anyone who has attended a sporting event has experienced the parking dilemmas — even during the summer when school isn't in session. Inadequate parking is a real inconvenience but again safety and improved traffic flow are the key factors. These concerns must be corrected before someone, young or old, gets hurt.

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Pekin? Nankin? It's all part of the past



Barbara Louie

Back in the spring of 1825, a number of adventurous souls pushed their way through the forests out of Detroit to settle in what would later be called Plymouth.

Many of those early settlers would later move further north to become familiar names

After enough settlers had gathered in the town, a schoolhouse was built. School was taught only in the winter months, usually by a young man who worked on a farm in the summer but who had attended enough school himself to be able to teach reading, writing and arithmetic to what Utley called "the urchins of the neighborhood."

By 1832, the tiny settlement was growing in population and the first town meeting was held in John Tibbitts' barn. According to Utley, this was when the name "Plymouth" was decided upon, despite some strong opposition.

It was at one time proposed to call the town Pekin, as two of the adjoining towns were ... called Canton and Nankin. But better counsels prevailed, and this Chinese nomenclature was discarded for the more historical and patriotic name which was finally selected. (Nankin, by the way, was later changed to Westland.)

It was also at this meeting that a resolution was adopted that hogs be allowed to run in the highway in said township. Early resident David Clarkson, the reporter of this bit of information, did not editorialize on the topic.

used for grinding corn which was a plentiful crop in the Plymouth area.

In 1827, Lincoln opened his own grist mill in addition to the one for lumber. By 1845, several other mills were part of the Plymouth landscape.

During pre-Civil War years, Plymouth was an important station on what Plymouth historian Sam Hudson called the "Central Michigan" line of the Underground Railroad ... Plymouth was proud to count a U.S. Congressman among its native sons. Ebenezer Jenckes Penman, for whom a major downtown street is named, served a term in Congress in 1851-53.

Coming to Plymouth in 1840 as a merchant, Penman soon became active in civic affairs, acting as supervisor of the township in the 1840s.

Plymouth, like its neighbors, has flourished from a small farm community to a thriving suburban center.

When David Clarkson remarked over a century ago, "... the pioneers had the ability to transact the public business with as much wisdom and dignity as their successors of the present day," his comments still hold true.

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

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1998 NORTHVILLE RECORD/NOVI NEWS RESTAURANT POLL

Rachwitz rated tops in the kitchen

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The results of the Best Chef and Best Waitperson categories in the eighth *Northville Record/Novi News* restaurant poll, which ran during the month of January, have been tabulated.

You may have read last week that the restaurant chosen as the best overall by 192 respondents to the poll, which concluded Jan. 31, was Rocky's of Northville.

It probably does not come as a surprise then that the winner in the Best Chef category is the owner of Rocky's of Northville, for the second year in a row.

About two thirds of the respondents who chose Rocky's in the Best Chef category specified Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz while the remaining third were less precise and wrote in Rocky's of Northville.

Although Rocky is around a lot, the two sous chefs do the day-to-day

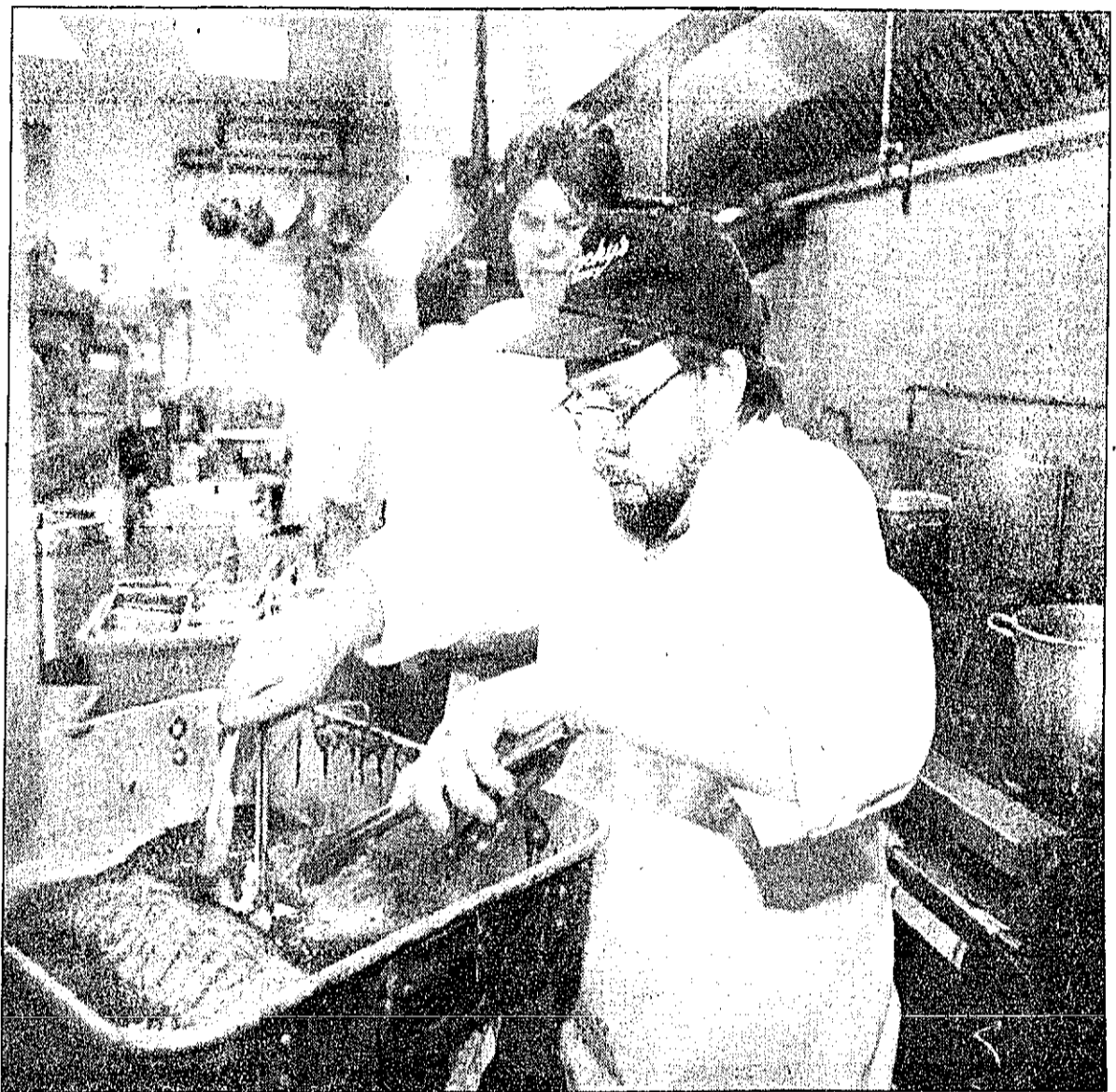
cooking. The three work closely developing new menus which are prepared with the help of 10 cooks.

"The management and employees pretty much get the credit for the last year," Rocky said.

Rachwitz has been in the restaurant business for 22 years. Prior to opening his own restaurant in 1992, he was with Chuck Mier from whom he bought the building at 41122 West Seven Mile in Northville.

Rocky is jumping around a lot lately. He opened Rocky's of Brighton in May 1995. Just two months ago, Rocky went in partnership with Steve Allen and opened Steve and Rocky's on Grand River in Novi. Allen is the former executive chef at the Golden Mushroom in Southfield.

"I don't spend as much time in Northville as I'd like to this past year," Rocky said. "That's why the crew has done a wonderful job."



Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz joins cook "Old" Dan Smith in preparing a batch of baby back ribs at Rocky's on Seven Mile Road in Northville.



Voted the best waitperson in the eighth *Northville Record/Novi News* Restaurant Poll, bartender Karen Miller mixes up a margarita at the Border Cantina on Novi Road.

Best Waitperson

Bartender can attract a crowd

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

Karen Miller at Border Cantina in Novi has a large following, and that's why she received enough votes in the eighth annual *Northville Record/Novi News* Restaurant Poll to be named Best Waitperson.

"I dabble in a little bit of everything," said Miller of the job she has had with Border Cantina for the last four and a half years. Customers may find her waiting tables, hosting or even managing. Mainly, she is the restaurant's bartender.

Miller has spent her entire career in the restaurant business, beginning with her first job at McDonald's when she was 16 years old.

"I like the fun, the money, the people," she said. "At one point, I was asked to be a bartender, that's where it all started."

Miller completed an extensive bartender training program while working at TGI Friday about 10 years ago.

"I have my freedom behind the bar to talk to people," she said. "It's the corner bar theory where you are the center of attention. You get the guests to react to other guests. I've always been pretty good at doing that. I like being the hostess of the party."

Miller estimates the number of drink recipes she has committed to memory to be in the hundreds. On occasion she might get a request that might stump her, like something new from a bigger club or that someone made up themselves.

"Sometimes I might slip for a second, but once I start picking up the bottles it will come back to me. You can't learn it from a recipe. You have to make that drink several times before you can commit it to memory."

Popular drinks at Border Cantina include different types of margaritas, especially the loaded ones like the Rolls Royce and Mercedes margaritas.

Miller, a resident of Livonia, said Border Cantina is usually a hopping place to be.

"We get a lot of neighborhood families that come in," she said. "It doesn't matter what the weather is."

There are a lot of regulars that come in just to see Miller, according to manager Cheryl McDowell.

A full-time employee with Border Cantina, Miller experienced first-hand her philosophy of the corner bar theory just recently when a table of regulars sitting next to her in a restaurant were getting better service than she was.

"I try to make everyone feel pretty comfortable," she said. "Make people feel comfortable in the environment they are in and they will come back."

The 1998 Northville Record/Novi News PEOPLE'S CHOICE ACADEMY AWARDS

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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.

Your name _____

Street _____

City _____

Phone _____

Boy Scouts keep months chock full of activities

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The winter months proved busy for Boy Scout Troop No. 407 led by scoutmaster Al Wetmore. The scouts attended the Great Salt Campers' winter outing by hiking the Potomac Trail. They completed the 10-mile trail in just three hours, which also included a 11-minute lunch break.

SPRIT OF CHRIST

All ages and families are invited to the March 1 Golf-a-Rama. The event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and for directions and admission fees, call the church office at 477-6296.

Lenten services will begin on Wednesday, March 4, and will continue on 11, 18 and 25, with the traditional "Soup/Song/Service." A simple meal will be served followed by a sing-a-long of favorite hymns, and concluding with Lenten worship. This year's series will be "The Way," with services from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

Girl Scout Sunday will be held March 8. All girl scouts are invited and encouraged to come in uniform dress. There will be no soup supper on Wednesday evening, April 1. The Ladies Lenten Breakfast will be held at 9:30 a.m. that day and a service of witness and reconciliation will be held in the evening.

On Campus

EMILY CHRISTINE BREXLER of Novi has been named to the Dean's List for fall semester at Louisiana State University. To receive recognition, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

MAX SULLA, a freshman, was named to the Dean's List for '97

fall term at St. Mary's College of Orchard Lake. Students achieve recognition by maintaining a 3.5 or better grade point average. DAMIEN L. THOMPSON of Novi maintained a 3.5 or better grade point average for fall semester and therefore, was named to the Dean's List at Grand Valley State University.

Novi Highlights

Future events include the Eagle Court of Honor for Mike Garback at St. James on March 29, and a troop pot luck dinner, April 28, for the entire family at Holy Family. Summer camp is set for July 12-18 at Lost Lake Scout Reserve in Clare, Mich.

Troop No. 407 meets at the Novi Civic Center every Tuesday, from 7:30-9 p.m.

In April, all Sunday School youth are invited to help make Easter placements for residents of Charter House. Future activities include a bake sale on Youth Sunday, April 26, a youth car wash on Saturday, May 30, and the annual rummage sale on Saturday, May 2.

The Spring 1998 Program of Events has been mailed to Novi residents. If you have not received one, more are available throughout the city or call the Parks and Recreation office at 347-0400.

Resident registrations for use of shelter and tent rentals at Lake Shore Park are now being accepted and will continue through April 3. This is on a first come, first serve basis. April 6 is the date for non-residents to make reservations for remaining dates. In addition, seasonal park positions are being processed with application deadline March 27 or until all positions are filled.

Registration for the Novi Youth Baseball League will be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 10 a.m.-noon. Once again it is a first come, first serve registration.

The library has always been known for their interesting programs for family and especially children. However, also available for senior citizens are a large number of programs, displays, and large print books.

Pet of the Week

Town Hall reopens after holiday break

Area businesses, groups offering academic scholarships



Larry Hedrick

The Northville Town Hall Series line-up of speakers and presentations continues with its third speaker of the 37th season - author, media personality and energetic storyteller Larry Hedrick on Monday, March 9.

The lecture begins at 11 a.m. at the Holiday Inn West, 17123 North Laurel Park Place Drive in Livonia and is followed by a luncheon. Hedrick will speak on "The Crown in Crisis," an authoritative analysis of the British monarchy. How did the Windsors take their sudden plunge from dignity to notoriety? Are they doomed or can they rebuild their tainted image? These questions will be addressed by Hedrick with flourishes of broad humor, incisive wit, and revealing photographs.

Hedrick has traveled to every corner of the British Isles and has produced commentaries on Royal figures from King Arthur to Prince Charles. He has been a featured guest on television and radio programs throughout the world. Prior to his writing and speaking career, Hedrick served as an Air Force intelligence officer in London. Currently, he is a resident of Seattle, Wash. Hedrick's book of popular history, Rogues Gallery, was published in 1993 and his forthcoming book is entitled The Last Royal Family Album. His shorter writings have appeared in World Monitor, Woman's World and Harvard Magazine.

Applications will be available in Novi High School's counseling office beginning Monday, March 2, for seniors wishing to apply for college scholarships available through area businesses and organizations. Application forms must be returned no later than Tuesday, March 31, for the following scholarships:

- Novi Education Association Scholarship
- Gerald and Ruth Hartman Memorial Scholarship
- Novi Educational Support Personnel Association
- Interact Club of NHS
- French Club
- Spanish Club
- National Honor Society (3)
- Delta Kappa Gamma
- Rotary Club (3)
- Rotary-Interact
- Rotary Presidential
- Brooks and Kushman Tech Award
- Novi High School Athletic Boosters (2)
- Novi Arts Council Fine Arts
- Novi Police Officers' Association
- Novi Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association
- Novi Newcomers and Neighbors Scholarships (5)
- Novi Optimist Club
- Novi-Northville U-M Alumni Association (3)
- Novi Lions Club (2)
- Pere Marquette Employees' Credit Union (2)
- Roger Pelich Memorial
- Richard Erwin Memorial (2)
- May Baber Memorial
- Chilren Ziegler Memorial
- Joel Finzel Memorial (2)
- Germain Vogelweh Award
- Fuerst Scholarships

Husky mix puppies

About eight 12-week-old male and female husky mix puppies will be among the variety of adult dogs shown by the Critter Connection at the Pet Supplies Plus store at 42660 Ten Mile Road on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The puppies were on a kill list at a shelter when they were rescued by Critter Connection. There will also be 10 eight-week-old Doberman-Labrador mix puppies at Pet Supplies on Saturday. The mother was found running around in Detroit pregnant on Christmas Eve when she was rescued. She delivered the puppies on Dec. 30.

Adoption fees are \$125 for puppies and \$100 for adult dogs which includes shots, neutering, worming and heartworm check. The fee is refundable if for some reason the adoption does not work out and the dog needs to be returned to Critter Connection.

Reunions

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1968, 30-year reunion, Aug. 1, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield, Call (248) 366-9493.

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Sept. 19, DoubleTree Guest Suites in Southfield, Call (248) 360-7004.

DETROIT REDFORD HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 25-year reunion, Sept. 26, St. Aidan's Banquet Center in Livonia, Call (248) 360-7004.

CLARENCE M. KIMBALL HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1988, 10-year reunion, Nov. 27, Laurel Manor in Livonia, Call (734) 397-8766.

BISHOP BORGESS HIGH SCHOOL-REDFORD: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Sept. 6, Novi Hilton in Novi, Call (734) 397-8766.

LIVONIA STEVENSON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 15, Call (734) 420-2558.

ANN ARBOR PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, July 18, Crowne Plaza, Call (810) 465-2277.

CHIPPewa VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, July 24, Zuccaro's in Chesterfield, Call (810) 465-2277.

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1968, 30-year reunion, Aug. 7, Novi Hilton, Call (810) 465-2277.

NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 14, Novi Hilton, Call (810) 465-2277.

SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, June 20, Baker's of Millford, Call Noreen (Rynkiewicz) Samples at (248) 380-8906.

DETROIT CHADSEY HIGH SCHOOL: 40th Class Reunion, July 31, Novi Hilton, Call Mike at (248) 548-4829.

DETROIT CHADSEY HIGH SCHOOL: 50th Class Reunion, Oct. 3, St. Clement Hall, 19600 Ford Road, Dearborn, Classmates of 1948 call (313) 266-4129. Classmates of 1949 call (313) 273-1589.

DETROIT COOLEY HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1948, 50th reunion, Oct. 9 through 11, Call Doug Smith at (248) 473-4437.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL: Class of 1978, 20-year reunion, Aug. 1, Holiday Inn in Livonia, Call (248) 348-4282.

<p>CHURCH DIRECTORY For information regarding rates for church membership call The Northville Record at Novi News 349-7000</p> <p>WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 355 Monroe St. (at 23rd) Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Novice) Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Novice) Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Novice) Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Novice) Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Novice)</p>	<p>CHURCH OF TODAY- West (Unity) Village Oaks Elementary - Novi (South of 10 Mile on Veterans Road) (616) 473-0700 Services at 9:11 AM Children's Church at 11 AM Meadow Brook Church</p> <p>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 3300 W. 13 Mile Rd. (at 23rd) Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA 22225 Giff Road Farmington Hills, Michigan SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP 7:30 PM Pastor: Donald Cook & Mary Schmitt Telephone: (248) 474-5584</p> <p>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 2002 Main St. at Hilltop (248) 349-0911 Worship & Church School - 9:30 & 11:00 am Children's Church - 10:00 am Youth League Prog. Wed 4:15-5:00 PM Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 770 Hope - Northville Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST 1100 W. Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth, Michigan SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD High & Elm Street, Northville Lutwick, Pastor Church: 3:40-5:00 School: 3:40-5:00 Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 3401 1/2 14th & Hilltop Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC 22455 Novi Rd. (between 10 Mile & 11 Mile) State St. & 945 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY 4135 S. 5 Mile SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4101 W. Van Meter - Meadowbrook 307-265 (248) SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 AM Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21555 Meadowbrook & Novi at 81 Mile Morning Worship 10:00 am Evening Worship 7:00 pm 348-7157 Minister: Ray E. Van Meter Minister of Music: Roy Ferguson</p> <p>CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10 Mile & Hilltop Phone: 240-1175 SUNDAY 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist SUNDAY 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist 11 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery The Rev. Leslie Harding</p>
<p>WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 11000 Farmington Rd., Livonia 422-1150 Pastor: Dr. James H. McGuire Services: 8:00, 9:15, 10:00am, 12:00pm Sunday School & Nursery: 9:45-10:45 7:00 pm evening service Service: 11:00 am (Nov 11) - All 10:00</p> <p>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48376 SUNDAY 7:45 AM SUNDAY 9:30 AM SUNDAY 11:00 AM Reverend: James H. McGuire Pastor: Charles 347-7775</p>	<p>NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY CHURCH 10 Mile & Hilltop Phone: 240-1175 (on 10 Mile, between Hill & Hilltop) Sunday School: 9:45-11:00 AM Worship: 10:00 AM Pastor: Leslie Harding Minister of Music: Roy Ferguson Minister of Music: Roy Ferguson</p> <p>FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH 42201 10 Mile Novi Hwy 348-5666 127 West of Hilltop Richard J. Henderson Pastor Chris Smith, Associate Pastor Worship & Church School 9:30-10:30 AM Sunday</p>
<p>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48376 SUNDAY 7:45 AM SUNDAY 9:30 AM SUNDAY 11:00 AM Reverend: James H. McGuire Pastor: Charles 347-7775</p> <p>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi, MI 48375 Mass: Sat 5:30 pm, Sun 7:00 am, 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm Holy Day: 9 am, 5:30 pm, 7:30 pm Pastor: John Badoia Pastor Father: Denis Theroux, Assoc. Pastor Pastor Office: 348-8507</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOVI 42301 11 Mile at Hilltop Home of Ft. Chas. School Grades 2-12 Sun. School 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7:00 a.m. Dr. Gary Elmer Pastor</p> <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. W. Stephen Spinks Pastor SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m.</p>
<p>VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH (MISSOURI SYNOD) NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL On Hill Rd near 11 Mile Road 345-2559 SUNDAY WORSHIP & SCHOOL 10 am to 11:15 am</p> <p>WORLDWIDE HARVEST CHURCH A Christian Fellowship Pastor: Mary McGee SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM The Center for Music Ministry 149 S. Orchard Rd. at 12 Mile W. Farmington MI New Info: (248) 928-8106</p>	<p>ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 375 S. Shapiro Road Plymouth, MI 48170 (313) 653-0100 The Reverend William S. Lippie, Pastor Sunday Services: 7:45 Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist and Church School Accessible to all and all care available</p> <p>ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 810 624-3817 450 Nicolet St. Walled Lake 9 am Worship Service & Church School The Rev. Leslie Harding Vicar (248) 615-7030</p>
<p>NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10 am Youth & Adult Education: 9 am Our Lady of Providence Chapel 16115 State Rd. (between 18 & 19 Mile Roads) Pastor: Ken Roberts (ELCA) 734/459-8181</p> <p>OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 22800 Rock Rd., Novi - S of 10 Mile Adult Bible Study & Sunday School: 10:00 AM Morning Worship: 11:00 AM Worship: 11:00 AM Worship: 11:00 AM Worship: 11:00 AM</p>	<p>ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 810 624-3817 450 Nicolet St. Walled Lake 9 am Worship Service & Church School The Rev. Leslie Harding Vicar (248) 615-7030</p> <p>OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH 22800 Rock Rd., Novi - S of 10 Mile Adult Bible Study & Sunday School: 10:00 AM Morning Worship: 11:00 AM Worship: 11:00 AM Worship: 11:00 AM Worship: 11:00 AM</p>

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Engagements



Dave Page/Amy Scafasci

Harold and Sandra Page of Northville announce the engagement of their son, David James, to Amy Koch Scafasci, the daughter of Mary and Owen Koch of Ypsilanti.

The bride-elect attends Eastern Michigan University and is employed at the office of Dr. Gary Sandall in Ypsilanti.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Michigan Institute of Aeronautics and is currently attending Eastern Michigan University. He is employed at Champion Air at Metropolitan Airport in Romulus.



Adam House/Christine Ellis

The engagement of Christine Rose Ellis to Adam House was recently announced by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Ellis Jr. of Novi and Alan House of Ferndale and Barbara House of Highland.

The bride-elect graduated in 1991 from Novi High School. She anticipates a degree in special education from Central Michigan University in May of this year.

The groom-elect is a 1989 graduate of Milford High School and is currently employed as a postal worker at Highland Post Office. A May wedding is planned.

Church Notes

Lenten Worship opportunities at **NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, continue with Church Family Night Lenten Series Sunday Soup Suppers at 5:30 p.m. followed by a Lenten program at 6:15 p.m. The topic on March 1 will be "Waters: A Youth Musical about Waiting for the Lord" on March 1 with the "Inspired by God" youth choir under the direction of Roberta Helppach. On March 8, the Christian quartet from the First United Methodist Church in South Lyon, "Strings of Faith" will bring a variety of accompanying instruments such as guitars, electric bass, banjo, mandolin and hammered dulcimer for their performance.

For the youngsters, a 30-minute video on The Veggie Tales will be shown. The Sunday Lenten Worship service topic will be "Lent One: Contemplation & Intimacy" on March 1 at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 349-2652.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, 41355 Six Mile Road in Northville, will offer a Divorce Recovery Workshop on Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 26 through April 16 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. for divorced and separated persons of all ages. For more information, call (248) 349-9030.

CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL, 46200 West Ten Mile in Novi, began its Lenten program on Wednesday, Feb. 25, with the Anointing of Ashes services on Ash Wednesday at both Holy Cross and St. Anne's which is located at 430 Nicolet in Walled Lake. The Lenten program continues with "The Last Words of the Resurrected Christ" on Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross and on Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, at 7 p.m. at St. Anne's.

Botsford's Pathways to Parenting, New Mothers Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month at Holy Cross from 12:30 until 2 p.m. On March 4, the topic will be "Making Your Home Safe for Baby." For details on the parenting group, call Botsford General Hospital at (248) 477-6100.

For more information, call Holy Cross at 349-1175.

NORTHVILLE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 200 East Main Street, on Sunday, worship and church school are held at 9:30 and 11 a.m. Child care is available at both services.

The Fine Arts Series continues with "Measure for Measure," the 80-voice men's chorus from Eastern Michigan University on March 8.

The Youth Logos Program meets on Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. for children in grades 1-5 and at 5 p.m. for middle school and senior high school students.

The Singles Place Ministry meets on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rev. W. Kent Clise, senior pastor, or Rev. James P. Russell, associate pastor, at (248) 349-0911.

CHURCH OF TODAY, WEST, is moving to Meadowbrook Elementary School, 29200 Meadowbrook Road in Walled Lake.

Beginning Sunday, March 1, services will be at the new location and remain at 9 and 11 a.m. The six-week series "What's Jesus Got to Do With It" continues through March 29.

The church will have a First Anniversary and Relocation Party from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend this potluck luncheon. Visitors should enter off Meadowbrook just south of Thirteen Mile Road.

For more information, call the church at (248) 449-8900, or check out its web site at <http://www.cotw.com>.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile in Novi, announces a new way for families to praise God. Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., "Saints ALIVE!" begins with folks of all ages meeting for songs and a message geared toward children. Small group sharing follows, wrapped up by refreshments and fellowship.

Worship services are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as well as Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 477-6296.

Singles

SINGLE PLACE, an adult ministry for single people at First Presbyterian Church of Northville, meets Thursday evenings in Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m.

Every Sunday, the group worships at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary followed by brunch at the Northville Crossing Restaurant, 18900 Northville Road, at 12:30 p.m.

On Monday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Pusan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville. On Fridays, the group meets at 5:30 p.m. at Mulligan's of Northville, 18730 Northville Road in Northville.

A Walk in the Park is scheduled every Saturday at 10 a.m. in Heritage Park between Ten and Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills.

Expo '98 "Meeting on Earth: Beyond the Mars/Venus Syndrome," by Susan Baranoff, is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Lunch and continental breakfast is included. The cost is \$17.50 in advance or \$20 at the door.

A Divorce Recovery Workshop is scheduled for March 12 through April 30 from 7 until 9 p.m. The cost is \$30. No workshop will be held on April 9.

For more information about any of the Single Place programs or to register, call (248) 349-0911.

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road in Livonia, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 10:45 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement. Beginning Sunday, March 29, the group will meet at 11:30 a.m. in Ward's new church on Six Mile west of Haggerty.

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

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

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

Upcoming speakers and topics during Talk Talk Talk it Over at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Hall include Paul Clough on Feb. 27 on "Lonely and Lost in a Confused Culture."

Talk Talk Talk it Over will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Knox Hall on Friday, March 13, when Dick Bont will speak about "Where Do We Go From Here?" including "Living Single-Grooming or Grooming." On Friday, March 27, there will be no meeting.

Indoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. A \$1 donation is suggested. No volleyball on March 25.

First Friday Night Live will present Dale Hicks on Friday, March 6, at 8 p.m. in Knox Hall. He has

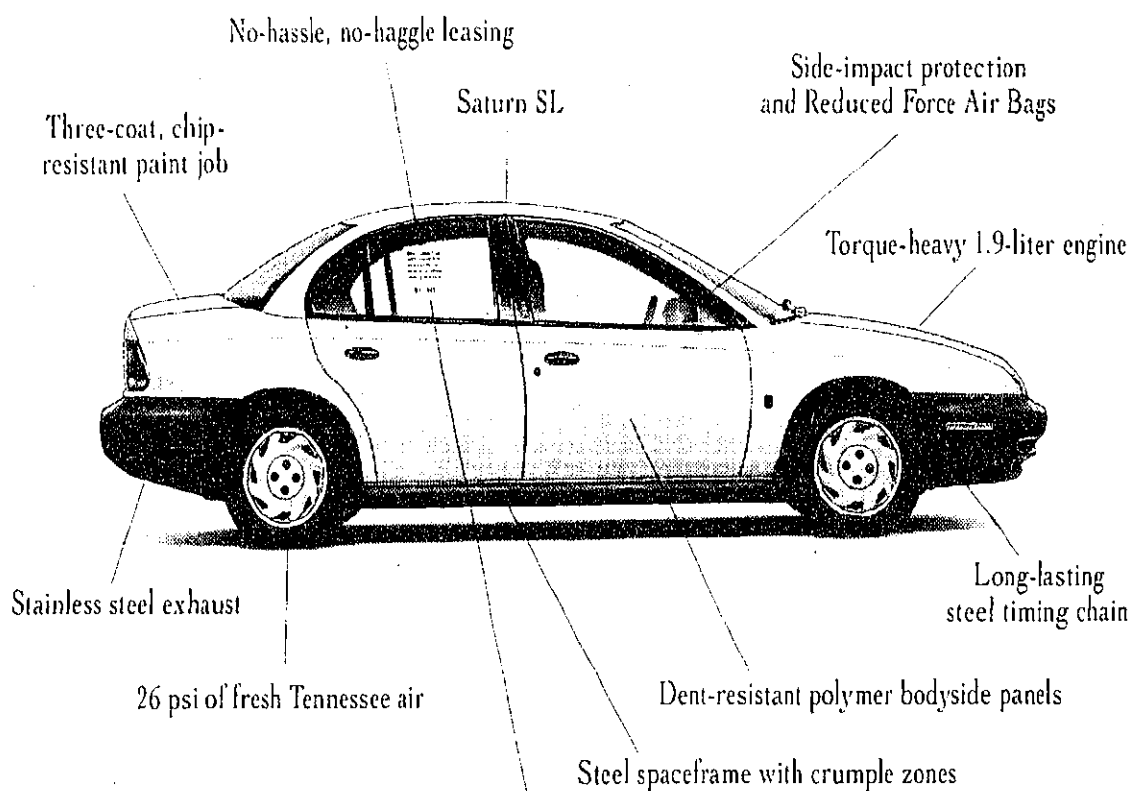
performed Christian music all over the world, including conducting the music portion of a camp for orphaned children in the Ukraine. A free will offering will be accepted. Free child care is available.

The BYOS group will meet on Saturday, March 7 at the Livonia YMCA at 8:30 p.m. Country line dancing has been added to the evening's agenda. The cost for this family affair is \$6 for adults and \$2 for children 14 years of age and younger. For more information, call (313) 422-1854.

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Show cases are available to patrons

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The libraries in Northville and Novi both have showcases for patrons to display their private collections.

The Novi Library has three showcases. The largest is located in the lobby and is about 6 feet wide by 30 inches deep with three stationary glass shelves. Two smaller table top showcases are located in the children's section and measure about 3 feet by 5 feet and have a depth of 9 inches. All three are locked and insured.

The lobby showcase can be reserved for one month. Collections can be displayed in the two smaller showcases for two weeks at a time.

The lobby showcase is reserved through December, while the two table top showcases have already been booked for the next three months.

Individuals and non-profit groups are welcome to display their private collections. There is no charge but items in the display can not be for sale.

Patrons are responsible for setting up and dismantling their exhibit as well providing any written information describing the items in their collection. Parents are encouraged to work with their children and to write the child's name, age and grade on a sign to be included with the display.

"It is an organizational thing for the kids," said Jane Brown, assistant director of the Novi Library. "Kids lay out their things on the floor before setting it all up. You would be amazed at how much effort the kids put into their displays."

Exhibits in the smaller cases have included Beanie Babies, Legos, model figures, antique pocket watches, Depression glass, a dragon display, horses, doll collections and Hummels.

"Adults use the smaller showcases as well but they are real popular with the kids," Brown said.

For additional information or to make a reservation for a showcase at the Novi Library, call Jane Brown, assistant director at (248) 349-0720.

The Northville Library also has three showcases. A large showcase is set in the wall just inside

the main entrance. It is 10 feet wide and 4 feet high with three movable shelves.

"That one is very popular," said Ann Mannisto, assistant director of the Northville Library. "It is very popular with various community organizations."

Artwork from Northville public school students in the elementary grades is on exhibit through the month of February.

A second smaller showcase, which was donated by the Pyett family of Northville, is located in the main level reading area near the fireplace. It is a tall glass display case about 6 feet high with four adjustable 2-foot square glass shelves. Anne Pyett donated the case to the library in memory of her husband, Roger.

"This is very popular for displaying collections," Mannisto said.

The first display in the case was a collection of bells from around the world which belongs to Pyett. Currently on display, is a collection of antique toys.

A third case is located in the youth area on the main level. It is also a display tower similar in shape but slightly smaller than the one in reading area. It is four feet tall and has adjustable glass shelves which are 15 inches square.

Currently on display is a collection of Beanie Babies.

"It is specifically designed for young people, ages 5 through 13, to show off their various collections," Mannisto said.

Exhibits have included action figures, sports cards, and dolls.

"The youth area one is extremely popular," Mannisto said. "The library has put some fun and neat collections in there."

All three display cases are usually assigned on a monthly basis. The large showcase located at the main entrance is booked through July. The two smaller cases are already booked through May. There is no cost. Individuals are responsible for setting up and dismantling their display. All cases are locked but are not insured.

For more information or to reserve a display case, call the Northville Library at (248) 349-3020. Ask for the youth department or for the reading room display case, ask for the information desk.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Sunetra Humbad has toys, jewelry, dolls and a wedding dress she brought from India on display at the Novi Library.

Collection dates back to childhood

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

There's just a few days left to view the lobby showcase at the Novi Library.

During February Sunetra Humbad has had a collection of items from India on display.

Born in India, Humbad lives in Novi with her husband, Niranjan, sons Nikesh, Shalish and Parag, and daughter, Mikhila.

Humbad met her husband, Niranjan, through her father. The couple moved to Novi in 1993.

Also in the collection is an assortment of bead animals which Humbad's two older sisters taught

"We don't wear white or black, it is always a bright dress such as red, usually red," Humbad said.

The dress was custom made from five yards of material.

Along with the wedding dress, Humbad has included her wedding jewelry.

Humbad met her husband, Niranjan, through her father. The couple moved to Novi in 1993.

Also in the collection is an assortment of bead animals which Humbad's two older sisters taught

her how to make when she was a teenager. Humbad also has four older brothers.

"When we get married we take our things with us," she said.

Everything in the showcase was brought from India or purchased on vacation trips.

The miniature stainless steel and aluminum kitchen set was purchased on one such vacation trip for Humbad's 12-year-old daughter, Mikhila, as well as the miniature brass table and chair set.

The exhibit also includes a silver picture frame and silver jewelry. Two dolls Humbad had as a child, pure silk scarves made with gold thread, a hand-painted gold and silver plate by Mira, fabric, and a variety of bangles and jewelry.

The Taj Mahala was given to Humbad by a friend upon her return from a trip to India.

There are also hand painted vases and a wall hanging.

"Vases are for good luck," Humbad said. "Most people have a vase next to the front door."

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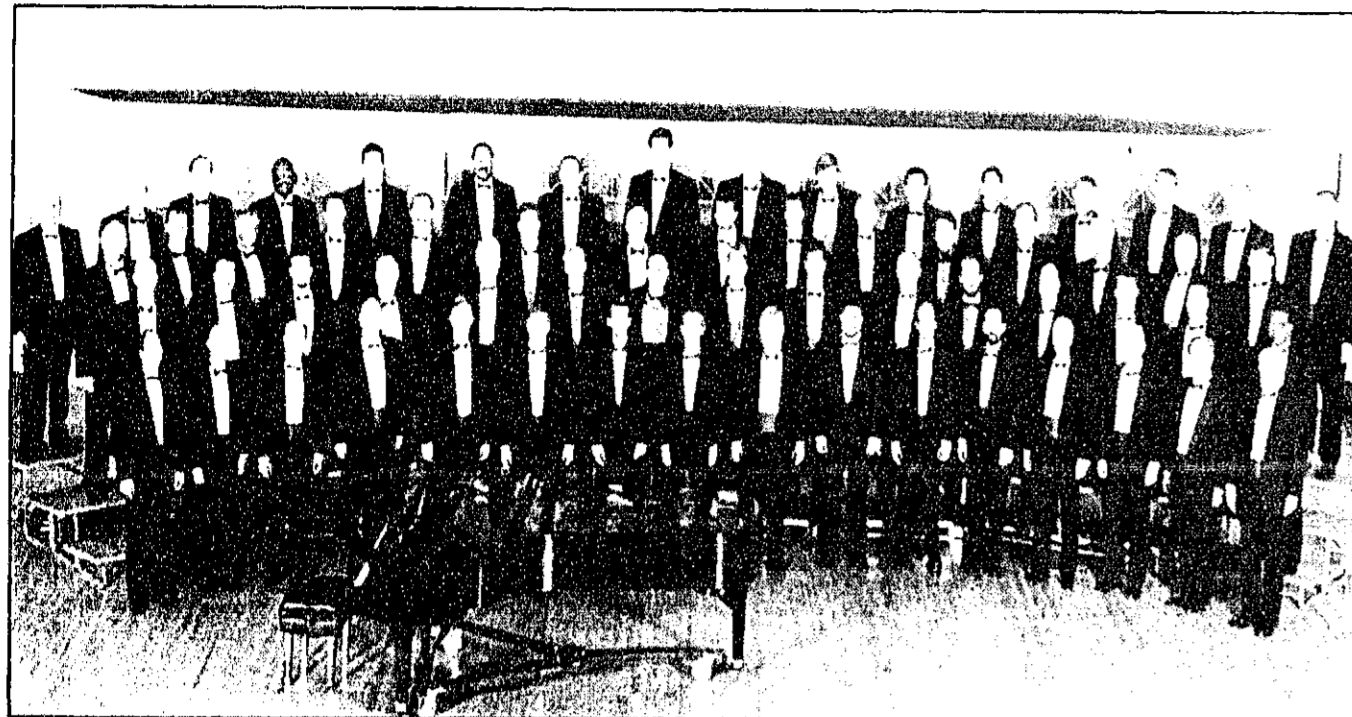
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Measure for Measure: A Men's Choral Society will perform at the Northville First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 8.

Fine Arts Series hosts men's choral group

By CAROL DIPPLE
Feature Editor

The Fine Arts Series continues at First Presbyterian Church of Northville when Measure for Measure: A Men's Choral Society performs on Sunday, March 8, at 7 p.m.

Measure for Measure was founded in 1988 by former college glee club members to provide an opportunity for men to perform music

composed and arranged for male chorus. The ensemble made its concert debut in April 1989. The 70 plus member chorus has delighted audiences in Detroit and suburbs; Ann Arbor; Ypsilanti; Battle Creek; Farmington; Lansing; Marshall; Holland; Livonia; Plymouth; Toledo, Ohio; and Eau Claire, Wis.

Measure for Measure's Music Director Dr. Leonard L. Riccino

will lead the chorus in a program of music written especially for men's chorus featuring selections by Bach, Bruckner, Thompson, as well as opera choruses, spirituals, and several college glee club favorites. Dr. Riccino is a professor of music at Eastern Michigan University where he directs the University and Chamber choirs and teaches courses in choral conducting and secondary vocal meth-

ods. Dr. Riccino is President of the American Choral Directors Association-Michigan Chapter and a member of the Michigan School Vocal Music Association.

Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students and \$25 for families.

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Adam Sandler (center) stars as Robbie in New Line Cinema's romantic comedy, "The Wedding Singer."

'Wedding Singer' spins humorous tale

By Kasey Everly
MOVIE EDITOR

If "Romy & Michelle's High School Reunion" just didn't give you your fill of 80's pop culture, never fear. New Line Cinema's latest romantic comedy, "The Wedding Singer" has plenty of Karina Chameleon for even the most avid 80's nostalgist.

However, if the cotton candy like charm of "Romy" gave you more than your fill of 80's culture in the first five minutes, then it's probably best to stay home. You may get a lummy ache seeing "Wedding Singer," whose humor is widely stemmed from poking fun at the era.

The movie tells the story of two twenty-somethings trying to make a living by working local weddings in a fictional New York City suburb in the mid 80's. Robbie, played by Adam Sandler ("Happy Gilmore," "Billy Madison") is the ultimate Nice Guy/Wedding Singer. Robbie Hart, who has Rick Springfield hair and broken ambitions of becoming the next David Lee Roth.

However more than his ambitions are broken when he is jilted at the altar by his own band

groupie fiancée, played by Angela Featherstone. After a brief but serious bout with "ply party" syndrome, he finds himself growing over fond of his waitress friend Julia, played by Drew Barrymore ("Everyone Says I Love You," "Scream").

She seems to be fond of him herself, except for one problem: She's engaged to egotistical, beer chugging yuppie Glenn (Matthew Glave) who runs around behind her back. But instead of breaking up with her he gets a fiancée and confessing her undying love for Robbie, she asks him to help her plan her wedding to Glenn instead. Seems to make sense...

Herein lies the frustration of this film: It's exhausting to watch these two, who were obviously meant for one another, fight the inevitable at every twist and turn. The plot seems lacking on its ability to give the audience what it needs—the chance to see love blossom. The characters are too busy agonizing over one another.

One thing this movie is not lacking in though is laughs. "Wedding Singer" features a truly colorful cast of 80's weirdos and rejects, including a cameo from 80's rocker Billy Idol.

It also manages to poke plenty of fun at the cultural images of the time, from clothes to music to home decor.

The funniest scene features Sandler, who must still go to work singing weddings after his own wedding disaster, dedicates his own bitter rendition of the 1982 J. Geils Band hit "Love Stinks" to a pair of newlyweds at their recep-

tion. The scene snowballs into a brawl between Sandler and the father of the bride and all the guests.

Those willing to look past the ongoing frustration of wondering when these two will get together will find a genuinely humorous interpretation of what life was like in those days of teased hair, break dancing and spandex pants.

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SWF, 41, 5'2", 100lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, professional, outgoing, enjoys sports, movies, cooking, comedy clubs, seeks kind-hearted SWM, 38-46, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 2345.

WANT TO TALK?
DW mom, 33, 5'7", enjoys trying new things, weekend adventures, getting together with friends, meeting new people, dining out and family time, seeks a SWM, 28-38, for possible relationship. Ad# 8741.

BELIEVE IN LOVE
DWC, 36, 5'8", 130lb., enjoys old movies, outdoors, camping, horseback riding, country music, seeks tall SWM, 30-40, Ad# 1045.

RADIANT GLOW
Never-married, friendly, outgoing SWF, 25, 5'3", employed, likes the outdoors, concerts, seeking intelligent SWM, 25-32, for friendship first. Ad# 6972.

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME
SWF, 60, 5'5", outgoing, enjoys sports, biking, dining out, seeks SWM, over 55, with similar interests. Ad# 4900.

APPRECIATES HONESTY
SWF, 25, 5'1", outgoing, enjoys movies, concerts, music, dining out, walking, time with friends and more, seeks honest SWM, 24-30, with similar interests. Ad# 668.

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
DWC, 41, 5'6", full-figured, mom, professional, honest, outgoing, enjoys shooting pool, cards, bowling, movies, seeks SWM, 35-50, who is family oriented. Ad# 1355.

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
DW mom, 28, 5'10", red hair, green eyes, enjoys being outdoors, sports, animals and much more, seeking honest, outgoing, stable SWM, 25-40, with similar interests, who likes children, would be interested in friends first relationship. Ad# 5514.

OMG! THE BEST FOR YOU!
SWF, NS, 32, 5'2", beautiful professional, college educated, outgoing, seeks SWM, 38-49, Ad# 5555.

ALL AMERICAN GIRL
SWF, 25, 5', black hair, blue eyes, outgoing, enjoys reading, movies, concerts, seeks SWM, 30, to share same interests. Age 6644.

SOLID VALUES
DW mom, 33, 5'5", Catholic, participates in youth ministry, professional, seeks marriage minded Catholic SWM, 30-42, Ad# 3399.

A FRIEND START
DWC, 34, 5'5", NS, good sense of humor, outgoing, seeks NS, SWM, under 38, for long term relationship. Ad# 3471.

BIG BLUE EYES
DWC, 54, 5'2", 130lbs., outgoing, enjoys being with family, camping, dancing, sports, music, boating, dining out, seeks NS, active SWM, 50-58, Ad# 7411.

KISS ME WHEN YOU WANT
Professional SWF, 18, 5'10", good looking, funny, sensitive, enjoys sports, quiet times at home, good conversation, seeking attractive SWM, 20-35, for mature relationship. Ad# 1279.

ONLY THE BEST FOR YOU
SWF, 19, 5'7", shy, enjoys spending time with friends, sports, hunting, and movies, seeks SWM, under 27, for friendship. Ad# 3651.

FRIENDS FIRST
Catholic SWM mom, 30, 5' blue-eyed/blonde, humorous, energetic, enjoys bowling, softball, family time, spending time with friends, quiet times at home, seeks down-to-earth, physically fit, Catholic SWM, 30-38, Ad# 1123.

FULFILLING DREAMS
Catholic DW, 40, 5'5", blonde hair, hazel eyes, NS, loves the outdoors, weekend golfing, log cabins and animals, seeking spontaneous, independent SWM, to share life. Ad# 6005.

SWEET HONEY
SWF, 31, 5'1", shy, single mom, enjoys outdoor sports, hiking, seeks SWM, under 40, to share same interests. Ad# 2594.

EASY TO TALK TO
Pretty, full-figured DW, 32, 5'9", blonde hair, blue eyes, one child, home owner, seeking SWM, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor and appreciates country life. Ad# 8154.

ANYTHING IS COMMON
Catholic SWF, 28, 5'8", outgoing, Brighton, enjoys movies, hockey, reading, long walks, quiet times, seeks honest, caring SWM, 25-35, Ad# 8087.

SPEAKS HER MIND
SWF, 37, 5'5", blonde hair, hazel eyes, employed, enjoys sports, car racing, movies, bowling and dancing, seeks sincere SWM, 30-40, Ad# 8087.

ACTIVE LIFESTYLE
Self-employed DW, 60, 5'2", from Brighton, enjoys traveling, animals, sports, enjoys outdoors, seeks friendly SWM, 55-65, for friends-first relationship. Ad# 1924.

ALL THIS AND MORE!!!
Attractive DW mom, 29, 5'5", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys fishing, bowling, golfing, dancing, seeks honest, hardworking, handsome SWM, 31-40, who wants to settle down. Ad# 1222.

LOVE'S LIFE
WWF, 39, 5'4", outgoing, friendly, likes bowling and horseback riding, taking walks, seeks honest SWM, 36-43, who has a strong belief in God. Ad# 1030.

SINCERELY
DWC, 58, 5'3", enjoys choir, crafts, cooking, dining out, enjoys, seeks SWM, 60-75, for companionship. Ad# 1221.

GIVE ME A CALL
DW mom, 28, 5'5", employed, lives in Granon, enjoys camping, bowling, fishing with children, seeks SWM, 26-32, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad# 5910.

ADORABLE
Full-figured, employed DW mom, 36, 5'2", enjoys camping, planning flowers and reading books, seeking honest, sincere and non-judgmental SWM, 30-45, who likes children and quiet time. Ad# 1234.

ATTENTION GENTLEMEN...
DW mom, 48, 5'9", blonde hair, brown eyes, outgoing, friendly, enjoys reading, movies, walking, basketball, seeks humorous, honest DW, 40-45, who is similar interests. Ad# 1004.

GOOD VALUES
DWC, 50, 5'3", loves the outdoors, golf, swimming, hiking, biking, walking, movies, dancing, tennis, tobogganing, skating, seeks warm, honest SWM, 45-57, Ad# 1727.

GOD LEADS MY LIFE
Born-Again DW mom, 41, 5'4", slender, blonde, professional, lives in Brighton, likes youth ministry, Bible study, and a little of everything, seeks SWM, 39-55, with same interests. Ad# 1665.

CELEBRATE LIFE!
Professional, full-figured DW, 52, 5'9", brown hair/eyes, enjoys country music, dancing, theater, bowling, traveling, seeks SWM, 30, with similar interests, for companionship. Ad# 1859.

A POSITIVE ATTITUDE
Catholic DW mom, 41, 5'3", resides in the Blue Anor area, desires more children, enjoys an active lifestyle including boating, seeks SWM, 38-45, Ad# 8760.

INTELLIGENCE
Friendly, professional DW mom, 33, 5'9", enjoys family, animals, the outdoors, seeking family-oriented, Catholic SWM, 32-40, Ad# 5220.

THE BRIGHT SIDE
Personable SWF, 37, 5'7", from South Lion, outgoing, seeking SWM, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 4144.

WOMEN IN A LIFESTYLE
Professional, full-figured SWF, 30, 5'2", NS, enjoys, enjoys roller skating, swimming, water skiing, the outdoors, walks, golfing, seeks SWM, 30-40, who is similar interests. Ad# 1515.

YOU JUST MAY BE THE ONE
Catholic SW mom of three, 22, 5'10", outgoing, down-to-earth, lives in Lewisa, seeks honest, stable SWM, 25-40, with similar interests, who loves children. Ad# 2221.

AVOID READER
Professional SWF, 22, 5'5", participates in Bible study, enjoys movies, music, movies, collecting unicorns, seeks Protestant SWM, 25-35, with mutual interests. Ad# 1997.

HEART OF GOLD
Kind-hearted SWF, 20, 5'3", from Ann Arbor, enjoys dancing, camping, family and friends, seeks sports, wants to meet SWM, 45-52, NS, Ad# 8816.

HONOR AND A WIFE!
Catholic WWF, 65, 5'2", from Oakland County, enjoys the theater, dancing, crafts, home life, swimming, seeks SWM, 64-70, for companionship. Ad# 9432.

FULL-TIME LOVE!
Outgoing, honest SWF, 38, 5'2", blue-eyed blonde, enjoys soccer, sports activities, seeks SWM, 35-45, for friendship. Ad# 8910.

ALASTAIR LOVE!
Cheerful SWF, 38, 5'4", full-figured, never married, participates in choir, Bible study, enjoys golf, bowling, walking, bike riding, tennis, seeks warm, caring SWM, 34-49, Ad# 1359.

LOVES ANIMALS
SWF, 49, 5'3", blue-eyed blonde, beaches, down-to-earth, intelligent, likes the outdoors, nature, the mountains, beaches, cooking, movies, seeks kind-hearted, honest, hardy SWM, 45+, for friendship, possibly more. Ad# 5311.

LIKELING RELATIONSHIP
Outgoing DW mom, 32, 4'10", full-figured, NS, employed, interests include country music and hobbies, seeks honest, caring SWM, 30-45, NS, Ad# 9420.

A NEW CHAPTER
Warm, caring DW, 40, 5'10", hobbies are golf, hiking, horseback riding, swimming, seeks SWF, 30-38, Ad# 1414.

HERE HE IS
Handsome, outgoing DW, 27, 5'11", enjoys playing ice and roller hockey, movies and music, dining out and more, seeks a SWF, Ad# 1270.

NEW TO DATING
DWC, 46, 5'1", physically fit, friendly, open minded, newly divorced, seeks SWF, under 50, for friendship. Ad# 4952.

HARLEY & BLUE SKIES
SWM, 28, 6'1", honest, dependable, employed, enjoys working out, snow skiing, hot rods, dining out and more, seeks a SWF, 24-27, with similar interests. Ad# 1957.

TRIPLE BLUE
Career-minded SWM, 32, 5'8", long blond hair, outgoing, friendly, never married, seeking fit, cute, bright SWF, 24-28, for possible relationship. Ad# 1112.

CAREFREE SPIRIT
Catholic DW, 18, 5'7", outgoing, enjoys going out, hunting, outdoors, seeks SWF, 18-20, with similar interests. Ad# 4139.

SWM, 21, 6', college student, has variety of interests, enjoys sports, seeks SWF, 18-25, for a relationship. Ad# 4187.

BELIEVE IN LOVE
DW dad, 41, 6'0", brown hair, brown eyes, outgoing, honest, caring, enjoys evening outings, the outdoors, long walks, dining out and family time, seeks SWF, 40-45, with similar interests, for possible relationship. Ad# 3149.

SUNL MATE
Catholic WWF, 50, 5'8", NS, non-drinker, caring, enjoys sports, music, exercising, quiet times, good conversation, good friends, seeks SWF, 40-50, for a lasting relationship. Ad# 6269.

STEAL MY HEART
SWM, 38, 5'8", outgoing, enjoys dancing, volleyball, biking, seeks fun-loving SWF, under 41, who is similar interests. Ad# 3027.

GENUINE LOVE
SWM, 21, 6'1", 200lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys basketball, baseball, volleyball, movies, dining out, long walks, seeks a faithful, honest, caring SWF, 19-25, to develop a serious relationship. Ad# 1964.

PRINCE CHARMING
DW dad, 39, 6'5", outgoing, enjoys fishing, camping, seeks SWF, 30-35, to spend quality time with you. Ad# 1706.

LET'S SPEND SOME TIME
Handsome DW, 25, 6'0", 180lbs, energetic, fun-loving, enjoys going out, dining out, music and more, seeking employed SWF, 22-32, to spend quality time together. Ad# 7275.

KARE FIND
Shy, reserved SWM, 19, 5'4", enjoys cooking, movies, dining out, spending time with friends and more, in search of SWF, over 18, for long-term relationship. Ad# 8147.

EMOTIONAL MATURITY
Professional DW, 41, 6', 200lbs, enjoys flying, antique cars and romantic dinners by the water. Ad# 9381.

TEDDY BEAR IMAGE
SWF, 47, 5'11", NS, outgoing, enjoys playing cards, bike riding, bowling, dining out, seeks honest SWF, 65-78, to spend quality time with. Ad# 8550.

BACK TO BASICS
DW dad, 40, 5'8", smoker, social drinker, friendly, enjoys boating, camping, dancing, seeks SWF, 35-45, with same interests. Ad# 1056.

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Catholic SWM, 24, 5'8", outgoing, friendly, enjoys going to church, fishing, the outdoors, traveling, seeking SWF, 21-25, to spend time together. Ad# 1151.

EARN MY TRUST
DWC, 37, 5'10", 185lbs, NS, outgoing, enjoys bike riding, hiking, outdoors, rollerblading, seeks SWF, 30-38, to share same interests. Ad# 2167.

APPRECIATES HONESTY
DWC, 39, 5'11", 170lbs, handsome, romantic, outgoing, seeks attractive, honest SWF, 30-35, for friendship, laughter, possibly more. Ad# 5878.

GET TO KNOW ME
SWM, 36, 5'11", outgoing, kind-hearted, handsome, caring, basketball, outdoors, movies, seeks SWF, under 37, to share same interests. Ad# 4735.

MAN OF INTEGRITY
Catholic SWM, 55, 5'9", friendly, employed, uses road tires, enjoys dining out, seeks never-married Catholic SWF, 30-37, who likes, for nice relationship. Ad# 8261.

RETIRED PROFESSIONAL
Protestant DW, 63, 6', NS, light drinker, energetic, fit, caring and romantic, likes sports and traveling, seeks NS, SCF, under 64, to share a possible relationship. Ad# 2358.

someone to share with
DWC, 27, 6', 160lbs., sandy brown hair, blue eyes, outgoing, participates in youth ministry, enjoys music, seeking down-to-earth SWF, 21-32, Ad# 4224.

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Not this time

Novi's attempt for revenge thwarted by Northville

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Even though two and a half months had passed since the season-opening wrestling meet with Northville, the results looked all too familiar to coach Brad Huss and his team.

Northville jumped out early and led on for a 3-23 win over Novi in the district finals and advanced to the state regional tournament at South Lyon.

The Wildcats finished the season with just three losses, but two of those four came at the hands of Northville.

Novi coach Tom Fritz said this is the best Northville team he's coached against in his 30 years in wrestling.

"This team is one of the best in the state," he said. "They're balanced and you can't take anything away from them. They were just too solid for us."

"They won't lose until they face Temperance-Bedford in the semifinals."

Novi's strategy was to stay off its back and hope to be within contention when its final four wrestlers took the mat.

For the most part that happened, but the Mustang's Jason Dowdell came up with a big pin over Chris Rumpf at 152 pounds that proved to be the back breaker.

Novi trailed 27-10 after the loss and couldn't fight its way back. Andy Kalk pinned Ryan Giles at 171 to pull his team to within 14 at 30-16, but the pressure to pin the rest of the way through was too much.

"The pin wasn't the only thing that hurt us, but it did take the wind out of our sails," Fritz said. "We had some close losses that could have gone either way."

Jon Talbot beat Bryan Grider 9-6 at 189 and Nate Plecha had little trouble topping Mike Livanos 8-2 at 215, but with the "Cats

needing pins, the wins were too little, too late.

Novi found itself in the hole early winning just once in the first six weight classes. Dan Jilg was the lone winner, taking a major decision win from Kevin Arbutckle at 112.

Trailing 18-4, senior Mark Churella kept Novi's hopes for a district repeat alive by pinning Chad Neumann at the 150 mark of the first period.

But Northville's Dan Scappaticci edged Adam Borashko 5-4 at 145 and Dowdell came up with the big win to erase all hopes of a Novi championship.

The match ended up closer than the 10-point margin would indicate. Novi lost three one-point matches.

Ryan Churella came close, but fell to Matt Tarrow 6-5 to start things off. Borashko was taken down midway through the third period and lost by one and Brett Faulkner dropped a heartbreaker to Ted Bowersox 5-4 at heavy weight.

Last year it was Novi who took two from Northville en route to a regional championship.

"You have to give them all the credit in the world, but they only planned us out one weight class and that's where we planned ourselves. They had three one-point wins and two two-point wins," coach Brad Huss said. "It could have went either way."

The Wildcats beat Pinckney handily in the semifinals 55-15. Picking up wins were Brent Frey, Andy Raudauskas, Mark Churella, John Swasti, Kalk, Mark Churella, Jon Cervi, Nick Wendt, Talbot and Faulkner.

NOVI SENDS 6 TO REGIONAL
The team's season may be over, but the season was extended for six individuals who placed fourth or better at the district tournament in Adrian Saturday.

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Belleville and Ann Arbor Pioneer will fight the district. Kalk has now won 11 straight matches, all by pin.

"Andy has really come on at the end of the season," Huss said. "Talbot was the third Wildcat to bring home a championship, this one at 215."

After receiving a bye, Talbot topped Salem and Grider of Northville before picking up an impressive win over Cinque Carter of Ann Arbor Huron 11-7. Carter is one of the top wrestlers in the state and had only lost once previously.

Plecha and Churella finished runner-up and also qualified for the state meet. Plecha beat Adrian and Tom Sheehan of Pinckney before falling to Charles Thomey of Romulus in the finals. Churella looked impressive in early wins over Ann Arbor Pioneer and Belleville, but fell to Morgan Mullins of Salem in the championship match at 140.

The last Novi wrestler to qualify was Brett Faulkner at heavy-weight. The junior fell to eventual champion Charlie Hamblin of Salem in the second round, but fought his way back. He beat Belleville and Adrian before losing to Wayne Memorial in the consolation finals.

If any of the six finish fourth or better, they will advance to the state wrestling tournament in Battle Creek March 6-7.

"It would be very satisfying if these kids could make it to states," Huss said. "They have really worked hard and if they wrestle as well as they have this season, they all have a chance to make it."

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Alpha system

successful so far

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In its first season in existence the "Alpha" weigh-in system of the Michigan High School Athletic Association has adopted has been a success.

Thus far there have been no deaths and no serious problems concerning weight-loss in high school wrestling. That can't be said for its big brother, collegiate wrestling. Following the deaths of three collegiate wrestlers within two months, the NCAA instituted emergency rules to deter any problems that may occur before permanent measures can be taken.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSA) took precautions before the issue even became a problem.

"We're known as a wrestling community that since the beginning of time coaches and wrestlers have, for the competitive edge, considered reduction of weight to the lowest class as a benefit," said Bill Bupp, assistant director/supervisor of officials for the MHSA. "But research has shown that's not necessarily true."

The system is extensive, yet it focuses on educating the wrestlers, coaches and parents about weight loss and ensures that wrestlers are not abusing weight-loss procedures.

One requirement of the new system is that coaches and wrestlers participate in a nutrition education program designed and scheduled by the Michigan Wrestling Minimum Weight Program Committee.

"All of the changes have been great for our sport," Novi wrestling coach Brad Huss said. "There's no perfect system, but what we've got in our high school wrestling right now is a good system."

David Peck, a sports medicine physician at Providence Hospital, said he believes the system is a step in the right direction.

"Realistically we're dealing with small kids here," he said. "It's not perfect, but it gives you a good estimate to work with. It's a great idea and it's way ahead of the collegiate level."

Michigan wrestler Jeff Reese died of a heart attack while working out in early December. It was the third death of a wrestler trying to make weight in two months. Although Peck said these are the extremes, drastic weight-loss measures could cause a number of other symptoms.

"Other symptoms include dizziness, vomiting and headaches," he said. "You lose potassium and other minerals and this may lead to metabolic changes that can cause heart attacks, develop seizures and possibly brain damage."

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Cheer team sets sights on regional

Novi at its own competition back in January.

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

The Novi varsity cheer team is building steam for what it hopes will be a repeat of last year's regional performance that sent them on their way to an eighth-place finish at the state meet.

Coach Amy Zyczynski's team will compete at Livonia Ladywood Saturday against nine other teams for the right to advance to the state meet March 7 at Grandville.

"It won't be easy with reigning Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) champion Brighton in the field, but Zyczynski said her team was the underdog against the Bulldogs as well.

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Pom Pon squad takes to states

The Novi Varsity Pom Pon squad, along with the help of 28 young pompon wannabees, performed to the song "Dude Looks Like a Lady," last Friday at halftime of the Novi varsity basketball game.

This week the girls, without the guys, will compete at the state championships at Saginaw Valley State on Sunday. The team qualified for the state meet after regional competition at Churchill Feb. 7.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Kyle Snearly (21) led the Wildcats with 17 points in a 51-45 loss to Howell Friday night.

Henson, Bulldogs visit Novi

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

AVONDALE 40, NOVI 39

This was another classic case of letting one slip away for the Wildcats.

Leading 39-38 with :15 left in the game, guard Larry Drury was fouled and went to the line with a one-and-one opportunity. He missed the first and Avondale pushed the ball up the court and hit the game winner with :02 left.

The Wildcats and Howell were tied with 1:30 left, but the Highlanders shot better from the charity stripe the rest of the way and snuck out of Novi's gym with a 51-45 win last Friday night.

Howell hit all eight of its free throws in the fourth quarter while Novi hit just five of eight.

"We had them, but we didn't make good decisions down the stretch," coach Pat Schuler said.

Novi got off to a slow start, but trailed just 23-17 at the half. The Cats outscored the Highlanders 15-10 in the third quarter to pull to within one.

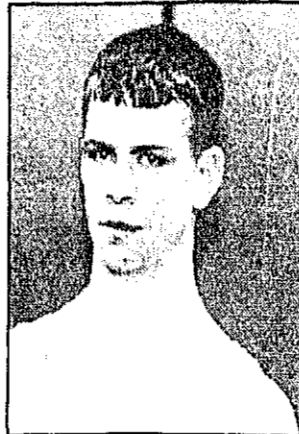
Kyle Snearly led the Cats with 17 points and Sean Brislin added eight. The loss drops Novi to 5-13 overall and 4-6 in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC), tied with Hartland for fourth place.

"Avondale was a very athletic, big and quick team," Drury paced his team with 15 points and Brislin, Ben Cunningham and Snearly added six points each.

Novi traveled to Lakeland Tuesday (after the Novi News' deadline) and host Brighton tomorrow for the season finale. District action won't begin until Mar. 9.

NOVI ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Andy Kalik—Senior



Kalik won a district championship at 171 pounds Saturday at Adrian. The senior pinned his way to the title and won his 11th consecutive match, all by pins. Kalik has posted a 35-9 record this season in anchoring a team that finished the regular season with a remarkable 19-3 record.

Sara Heusel—Senior



Heusel led the Wildcats with 11 kills in a Kensington Valley Conference win over Lakeland last Thursday. She is currently ninth in the area with 136 kills and is third on her team with 36 aces. Novi went into Monday's contest with league-leading Brighton just two games behind the Bulldogs in second place.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL		WRESTLING	
KVC STANDINGS	Terakedis (Northville) 4-0	Wood (Brighton) 25-9	Bowser (Northville) 27-5
Milford 8-11/5-1	Drury (Novi) 3-7	Steckroth (Hartland) 34-7	D'Agostino (South Lyon) 22-8
Howell 8-2/9-6	Rau (Pinckney) 3-8	M. Charella (Novi) 35-3	Fortune (Lakeland) 16-6
Brighton 7-2/11-5	Porta (Hartland) 3-5	Scappaticco (Northville) 28-6	Mohr (Milford) 26-11
Hartland 5-6/7-11	Cunningham (Novi) 3-2	Masill (South Lyon) 22-10	Falkner (Novi) 30-13
Novi 4-6/5-13	Colligan (Novi) 3-1		
South Lyon 1-9/1-15			
Lakeland 1-9/4-13			
103 POUNDS	Tarow (Northville) 26-5		
Henson (Brighton) 22-4	R. Charette (Novi) 35-10		
Neighbors (South Lyon) 18-9	Scannell (Hartland) 31-13		
See (Hartland) 17-8			
Taylor (Pinckney) 15-8			
Terakedis (Northville) 15-2			
Keppen (Howell) 14-9			
Kennedy (Howell) 14-4			
112 POUNDS			
Abuckle (Northville) 28-6			
Hill (South Lyon) 19-6			
Klenschmidt (Fowlerville) 18-11			
Reedy (Pinckney) 7-3			
Peltipren (Hartland) 27-13			
118 POUNDS			
Henson (Brighton) 8-7			
See (Hartland) 8-2			
Marin (Lakeland) 8-0			
Maes (Lakeland) 8-0			
Keppen (Howell) 7-6			
Popper (Fowlerville) 6-9			
Riedl (Northville) 6-4			
Pearson (Brighton) 5-7			
Nash (Milford) 5-3			
Shearly (Novi) 5-2			
Drury (Novi) 5-1			
Ogden (Fowlerville) 5-1			
Brislin (Novi) 5-0			
125 POUNDS			
Boddeker (Brighton) 27-5			
Nevedorf (Lakeland) 36-6			
Re. Torrence (Northville) 32-6			
Montou (Milford) 25-11			
Crander (South Lyon) 23-13			
Taylor (Pinckney) 22-16			
Rietter (Novi) 17-14			
130 POUNDS			
Neumann (Northville) 30-6			
Turner (Milford) 31-12			
145 POUNDS			
B. Wellman (Fowlerville) 37-1			
Steckroth (Hartland) 34-7			
Duneste (Hartland) 11-5			
152 POUNDS			
Lusk (Hartland) 45-2			
Yurunas (South Lyon) 29-8			
J. Cal (Fowlerville) 22-13			
Erfeld (Lakeland) 17-16			
Pump (Novi) 10-9			
160 POUNDS			
McCracken (Northville) 21-7			
Phibum (Fowlerville) 21-15			
Woods (Fowlerville) 6-3			
Clark (South Lyon) 18-11			
Carvi (Novi) 10-7			
171 POUNDS			
J. Wellman (Fowlerville) 36-2			
Kalk (Novi) 25-9			
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Humphreys (Milford) 20-13			
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Katie Copp led her team with 14 solo blocks and Jessica Roemer had eight kills.

In getting through pool play, Novi breezed past Allen Park 15-7, 15-7, 15-3 and edged Warren Lincoln 15-3, 16-14, 10-15. Against Lincoln, Novi came back from a 14-7 deficit in the second game to get their fifth win of the day. They again trailed 12-1 in the third game, but could not come back.

The Wildcats missed 11 serves in the first two games, but found a way to win against the Eagles.

Sara Heusel led the team with 11 kills. Roemer had five kills and four aces and Copp added four solo blocks.

Novi took a 9-2 KVC record into Monday's match against undefeated Brighton. That game was after the Novi News' deadline and will be in next week's paper.

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Health Column

Refraction surgery popularity grows

The ability to see clearly free of glasses and contact lenses continues to fuel the demand for refractive surgery. The surgical goal is to bring the eye into focus by changing its front curvature. It began with RK surgery in the '70s and '80s and is culminating with the unequalled precision of the excimer laser.

I wrote about the excimer laser two years ago after the first instrument was approved by the FDA in October 1995. Since then, other manufacturers have had their lasers approved and refinements have continued to take place.

Laser vision correction (LVC) includes PRK (photorefractive keratectomy) and lasik (laser in situ keratomileusis). Both are based on the cool beam ultraviolet laser developed by IBM originally in the 1970s to precisely etch microchips. The first patient to receive PRK treatment was in the U.S. in 1997 and that person continues to see 20/20 today, living proof of the safety and stability of the procedure.

The laser removes 39 millionths of an inch of tissue in 12 billionths of a second. Each pulse gently creates the proper curves on the cornea (clear front dome of the eye) to bring it back into focus painlessly. The cornea is about the thickness of 11 hairs and the laser typically removes a layer as slender as a single hair.

The range of prescriptions correctable by LVC continues to expand. When first introduced, we were working with mild to moderate amounts of nearsightedness and astigmatism, and now can correct even extreme cases. In the last year, we have begun offering the same decreased dependence on glasses to farsighted patients, although they must be done outside the United States as we await FDA approval for this subgroup.

The new techniques for correcting farsightedness involve an excimer beam that is a small 2 mm flying spot versus the standard round disc pattern used for nearsightedness. This also will be able to be linked to an instrument that plots the topographical contours of the cornea and can custom treat any irregularity.

Patient selection is very important with this elective and perma-

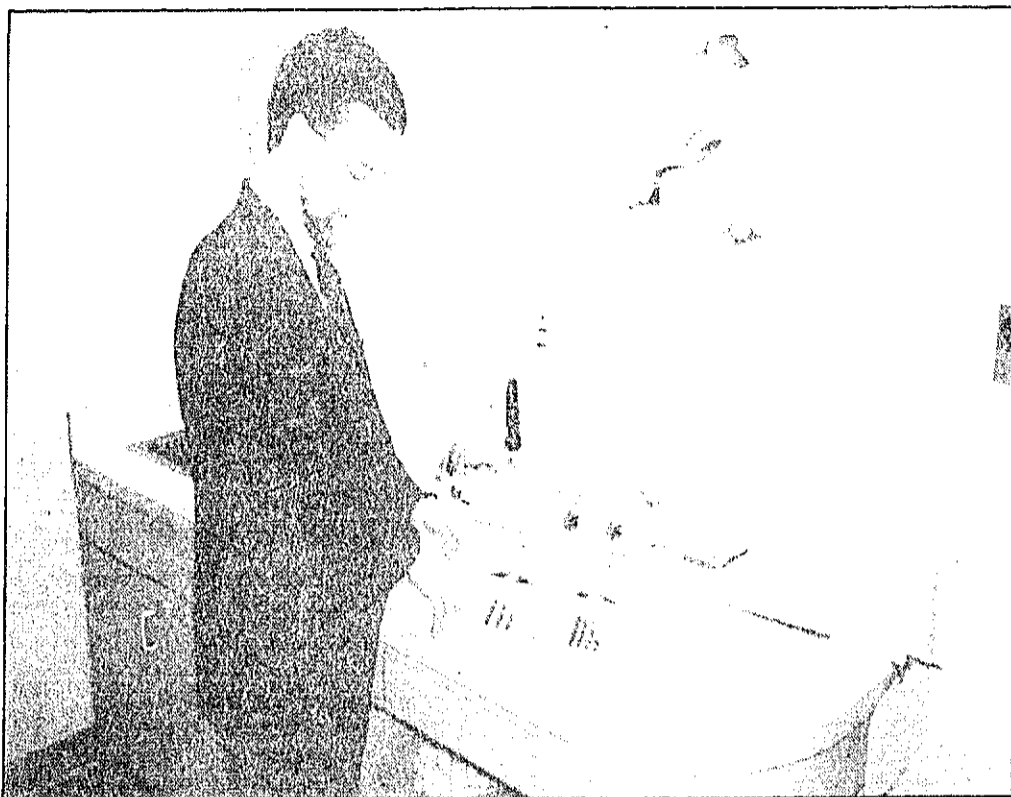


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Dr. Tim Kirk said advances in refractive surgery has become quite popular as of late.

nent procedure. Regarding how thin your glasses are now, I find more patients with too little prescription, rather than too much strength that don't qualify. Like any other surgery, we don't recommend it unless your potential benefits far outweigh the minimal risks. General health issues like rheumatoid arthritis, Lupus, uncontrolled diabetes and other conditions are strong points to consider when identifying good candidates. The ideal age is generally held at 20 to about 60 years old. Under 20, many people's eyes are still changing and eyeglass strength must be stable within two steps for the last 12 months.

Over 60, the likelihood of needing cataract surgery, which also corrects near and farsighted errors, increases and LVC would be redundant.

The point I spend the most time on with patients is their expectations of what lasik or PRK can and can't do.

It can greatly decrease your eyeglass strength and dependence with the goal of daytime driving

uncorrected (20/40) attainable by over 90 percent of patients, but it can't guarantee you the 20/20 vision that the majority of laser patients enjoy.

The single biggest reason is that we are working with human tissue and healing rates which differ for us all and these do effect the final outcome. Another thing to clarify is that the need for reading glasses/bifocals will still occur in the '40s, although there are options to decrease even this need for existing bifocal wearers that are candidates.

Overall laser vision correction is a wonderful option for qualifying patients with realistic expectations. I've co-managed lawyers, executives and homemakers who all rave about their new found vision and freedom after this modern miracle. You should consult your own eye doctor and educate yourself to see if it is right for you.

Dr. Tim Kirk is in private practice in Novi at Town & Country Eyecare, (248) 347-7800. You may call

EYECARE SEMINAR

Town and Country Eyecare will be offering a complimentary Laser Vision Correction Seminar at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 2. Town and Country is located on Novi Road south of 9 Mile.

Tim Kirk will make a slide presentation and answer questions on the state-of-the-art in PRK and LASIK procedures. This should help to educate people on their options beyond glasses and contact lenses for nearsighted, astigmatism and now even farsighted corrections. Seating is limited so call (248) 347-7800.

To receive additional information or to attend an upcoming laser seminar.

Medical facts can be quite amusing

Truth can indeed be stranger than fiction. Here is a collection of unusual, but interesting and little known, medical facts:

- *Dracunculus Medinensis* is a worm believed to have been the "fiery serpent of the Israelites" mentioned in the Old Testament. It is ingested by drinking water contaminated with an infected flea. The female worm grows to about a yard long in the soft tissues of the body. It forms a blister at the skin surface so when the person comes in contact with water the worm releases larvae into the water allowing the cycle to begin again. In primitive cultures the condition is treated by winding the worm around a stick and slowly twisting it out of the body. If it breaks it may cause intense burning pain. It affects 48 million people worldwide.

- The right side of the brain controls the movements of the left side of the body while the left side of the brain controls movement of the right side of the body.

- Heroin is the brand name of a morphine derivative created in the 19th century. It was

created by the Bayer Co. Its use was widespread among the middle class from 1850 to 1906 and it could be found in some cough syrups. The Pure Food and Drug Act, the Harrison Narcotics Act of 1914, and Supreme Court decisions of the 1920s made possession of a narcotic without a prescription illegal.

- Although alcohol is the most common cause of cirrhosis in the United States, it is not so in the rest of the world. Schistosomiasis, an infection caused by three species of worms, affects 200 million people and is the most common cause of cirrhosis worldwide.

It does not occur in the United States because the worm needs to live inside types of snails for part of its life cycle.

Such snails are not found in the United States. Schistosomiasis is seen in Michigan but only in people who contracted it in another country.

- Eating bread or rye infected with the fungus *Ergot* can cause hallucinations and skin loss due to constriction of blood vessels. This gives the appearance of being burned. During

the middle ages people who ate *Ergot* developed hallucinations and the burned appearance called St. Anthony's Fire. A modern derivative of *Ergot* is LSD.

- Lycanthropy is the mental delusion that one is a wolf. It is related to the werewolf superstition.

Absinthe is an alcoholic drink that is illegal in all countries except Spain. It contains wormwood and is distilled at a high proof. It was once much favored by artists and writers and is the subject of many paintings. It is mentioned in Hemingway's "For Whom the Bell Tolls" and, most recently, in "Bram Stoker's Dracula."

It was banned because of its presumed toxic effects on the brain. A legal version, made without wormwood and distilled at a lower proof is still sold in the United States.

Raymond Hobbs M.D. is an internal medicine physician at the University of Michigan Livonia Internal Medicine Health Center. For more information, please call (313) 266-9419.

Health Notes

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.

Parish Nurse

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tion, 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.

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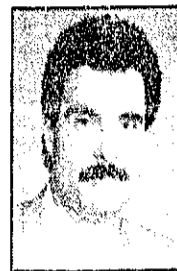
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