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Novi resident, grad and business owner Scott Gross displays the sign he has prepared for the Tim Pope Playscape.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Novi grad designs playscape sign

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

It is one of the last pieces to a giant puzzle. This Spring, the sign for the Tim Pope Playscape will be hung.

The large circular sign will most likely hang above the arched entrance, said Glen Bonaventura, a member of the playscape committee. "We're waiting for some warm weather and it looks like we're going to get some real soon."

Novi High School graduate Scott

Gross, 1990, bid on a contract for the sign and was more than happy to start work in time for the sign to be hung this Spring. Gross owns Classic Woodworks, a woodcarving and furniture design business in Novi.

"When you've lived here and your whole life has had a sense of community, getting involved in this is an opportunity to give back to your community," he said.

Bonaventura said he was going through the phone book and

noticed that Gross's business was located in Novi. That was a plus, he said.

"I'm a sucker for dealing with Novi people," he said. "When I heard he was a Novi High School grad, I was sold on the guy."

Plus, he's talented, Bonaventura added.

Gross and the playscape committee, along with the late Tim Pope's children, used the logo as a starting point for the sign. But the most fun was in choosing the col-

ors. "I really enjoyed doing it," he said. "There were five of us mixing the different stains. It was nice to bring them into the decision-making part of it."

The sign is one of the final pieces for the structure built in five days last summer with the help of nearly 800 volunteers. The fortress stands tall in the Novi Community Sports Park at Eight Mile and Napier roads.

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Novi voters approve school bond

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Administrators for the Novi Community School District were ready to move forward the Monday after voters approved a \$17.3 million bond election for a new elementary school and athletic field, parking and playground improvements.

The March 28 special election drew 12 percent of the district's registered voters. The issue passed approval 1,954 to 1,190. As a result, Novi schools residents will pay an additional .66 mill in school taxes a year for 20 years. That means about \$67 a year more for the owner of a \$200,000 home.

"It's a relief to see that people think we're on the right track," said Superintendent Dr. Emmet Lippe.

The improvements, he said, are consistent with what the district is trying to do with academic pro-

grams, providing space as well as all the things that go along with increases in student population.

Pam Superfisky, co-chair of the Citizens for Novi Schools Committee which promoted the bond, held a victory party at her home Saturday night. As the tally came in so did about 60 people.

"It was a victory," said her husband, Fil Superfisky, who also worked to promote the bond. "We knew by ten after eight. We had people at each of the precincts."

Pam said the absentee ballots were nearly split right in half, with 133 for and 134 against. And she said that the response from people in the community without children in the district was very supportive.

The election was fairly uneventful, with no major opposition appearing in protest of the additional tax. Nearly 240 "Vote Yes" signs put up by the citizen's com-

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Rep wins federal bucks for roads

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Now included in a transportation bill before the U.S. Congress is a funding package that includes \$3.2 million to help extend the Haggerty Connector northward and \$2.6 million towards the redesign of the Beck and Wixom I-96 Interchanges.

U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, announced that he'd been able to tag onto the legislation a \$10 million funding package for the 11th District, which includes Novi and portions of Northville. The house is expected to vote on the package this week.

"These projects are top priorities for the 11th Congressional district. They will minimize problems

of congestion, improve the flow of traffic and increase the safety of these specific roadways," Knollenberg said.

The Michigan Department of Transportation is now in the process of constructing the 1.5 mile long Haggerty Connector from Twelve Mile Road to Fourteen Mile Road, but is still negotiating on obtaining rights-of-way for the stretch that will run north all the way to Pontiac Trail. Myron Frierson, Division Administrator, Real Estate Division, said at a meeting in Lansing last week with Novi officials.

The federal money is for the \$35 million final phase of M-5, which includes land acquisition and construction. To date, \$87 million has

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Local churches prep for Easter

Churches in the area have planned special services and events to celebrate the Easter season beginning with Palm Sunday, April 5.

The following is a list of area churches and the days and times of their services:

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, 24505 Meadowbrook Road in

Novi, will have a Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m.; a Good Friday service at 1:30 p.m.; an Easter Vigil begins on Holy Saturday at 8:30 p.m.; and on Easter Sunday the regular Mass schedule of 7:30, 8:45, and 10:30 a.m., and 12:15 p.m. will be observed.

For more information, call the

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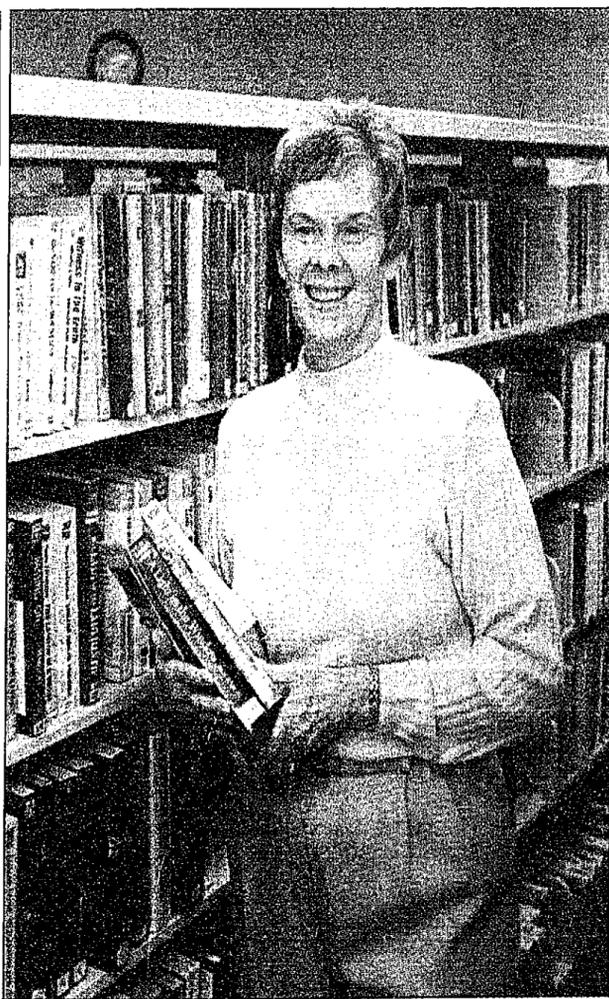
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Librarian Pauline Druschel has been selected for a prestigious national award for her knowledge of books and her ability to share that knowledge.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Librarian named for top national book award

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff Writer

Mayor Kathleen McLallen admitted at a recent council meeting that one woman in Novi is powerful enough to throw her out of her office.

And that woman is a librarian. Pauline Druschel, assistant director of the Novi Public Library and head of its Outreach program.

Druschel runs "Let's Talk About It," a book discussion group for Novi seniors that meets the second Thursday each month in the mayor's conference room.

"If I'm running late, the book leaders let me know they have much more important things to do," McLallen said.

What's important is the excitement, the interplay of ideas about the books group members have read from the list carefully prepared for them by Druschel. About 20 women, ranging in age from 65 to 85, devour as many as 20 assigned books annually.

"They like the group, because we read things they might not pick up on their own. They really, really get into this," Druschel explained.

Recently, Druschel's won something to add to her own personal list of credentials, the Public Library Association's prestigious Allie Beth Martin Award, given annually to a librarian who shows "extraordinary range and depth of knowledge about books ... and distinguished ability to share that knowledge." The honor comes with a \$3,000 stipend, which she's donating to the Novi library.

In nominating Druschel, library Director Brenda Evans drew on a quote from American novelist Edith Wharton: "There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle, or the mirror that reflects it."

"Pauline is our rayed out mirror," Evans wrote.

Druschel started as Outreach Services Librarian at the Novi library in 1983, delivering large-print books and magazines to nursing homes. Because cold books are not welcoming to the touch, Druschel put in place a policy that books are not loaded onto the

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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, April 2

Novi Rotary

The Novi Rotary Club meets at noon at the Novi United Methodist Church at 41671 Ten Mile Road. For information, contact Bob Lambright at 380-6500.

Monday, April 3

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 Lahiff at 348-6019 (evenings). Visitors are welcome.

Tuesday, April 7

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 Taft Rd., from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Adults and youths who have finished the sixth grade are welcome. For additional information call 349-2669.

Menopause Support Group

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

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 380-6500.

mation, call Tim Sawmiller, 344-4269 evenings after 6 p.m.

Amateur Radio Club

The Novi Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. For more information call 348-0099.

Optimist Club

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

Novi Band

The Novi Concert Band will practice at Novi High School beginning at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 932-9244.

Wednesday, April 8

Seniors potluck

The Novi Senior Social Club will gather at noon in the Novi Civic Center for their monthly potluck luncheon.

Lions Club

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

SPARK

The Society for the Preservation of American Racing Knowledge, the all-volunteer support organization for the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America, meets at 7 p.m. at the Novi Expo Center. The meeting is open to anyone interested in supporting the Hall of Fame and Museum.

Youth baseball

The board of directors of Novi Youth Baseball meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Novi Civic Center. The meeting is open to the public.

F.E.M.A.L.E.

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The Novi area Formerly Employed Mothers at the Leading Edge Chapter meets at 7 p.m. at the Providence Mission Health Center, 39500 W. Ten Mile Rd., Conference Room A. The purpose of the organization is to offer support for mothers who have chosen to interrupt their careers to care for their children. For more information call Janet at (810)476-5934.

Thursday, April 9

Novi Rotary

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Monday, April 13

Library Board

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

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Novi teens heading south for spring break

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL Staff Writer

The balmy spring weather this week gave residents a taste of what an estimated 345 Novi High School seniors will experience when they take off for Spring break next week.

Beginning March 10, Novi students will be out of school for Easter break until classes resume March 23.

Though not necessarily sanctioned or organized by the high school, many high school seniors will celebrate their last year together with the traditional Spring break trip.

This year, the hot spots include South Padre Island, Orlando, Cancun and Myrtle Beach.

Niki Hart is headed to the Florida Keys with friend Erin Spindler to stay with her uncle. It keeps the cost down, she said, and there's plenty to do, like swimming with the dolphins.

She's budgeting about \$600 for the week-long stay and is already beginning to pack.

"We're on a countdown right now. It's so exciting," she said.

Many of the students save up money from birthdays, Christmas and after school jobs to pay for the airfare, hotel stay and, of course, new clothes for the trip.

"Besides saving money for the trip I've spent a lot, too, on new clothes for it," said senior Emily McGurkin, whose paychecks from her job at a local Hallmark store are earmarked for the trip. "I have a mental list but I haven't started packing at all."

She and 11 other senior girls are headed on a Royal Caribbean cruise to the eastern islands.

"You don't have to worry about transportation too much," she said. The girls are planning to celebrate the Easter holiday while they're basking in the sun. Each dream the name of another for whom to buy a small Easter present.



Novi High School student Niki Hart is readying to pack and head to Islamorada, Florida.

Mercer Beach targeted for improvement by state

Gov. John Engler has asked the legislature to support funding to improve access to Mercer Beach in Walled Lake. Methods for enhancing the beach and lakefront include constructing a stone retaining wall, boardwalk and concrete sidewalk;

building a play structure for children; and upgrading facilities. These funds would come from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and have been recommended by the trust fund board. The trust fund will contribute \$97,170

toward the total purchase price of \$138,815 with the remaining \$41,645 coming from a local match from the city of Walled Lake.

This project is one of 35 projects totaling \$16.8 million approved by the trust fund board in this second

round of a biannual project approval process.

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Carl Pilon of Noodle Kidoodle shows some of the other Beanie Babies still offered at the store.

Yes, we have no purple bears

Contrary to the advertisement that ran in the Detroit Free Press, there won't be a second or third installment of the Princess Diana Beanie Baby vouchers at Northville Noodle Kidoodle. Last weekend's incident forced an executive decision to donate the remaining 200 vouchers to various charities.

Noodle Kidoodle management said all the vouchers that had been distributed have been cashed in by their holders and subsequently destroyed to prevent rip-offs. For more information on Beanie Babies, check out the collector's Internet site: www.beaniebabies.com.

Shoppers swarm to buy Princess Di Beanie Baby

By CHRIS C. DAVIS Staff Writer

How can something so innocuous-looking cause such a crazed stir among collectors?

That's what management of New York-based Noodle Kidoodle and the Northville Township police department were left wondering last weekend, after a swarm of Beanie Baby fanatics descended on the doorsteps of the store in response to a special promotion.

That promotion just happened to be an opportunity to purchase the crowned jewel of the stuffed toys — the Princess Diana tribute doll — for an unheard-of \$5.99. The lavender-colored Beanie Baby sometimes sells within the collector's market for \$200 to \$500.

Since they hit store shelves in the mid-90s, the popularity of Beanie Babies has shot upward, rivaled the Cabbage Patch Kids phenomenon a decade earlier.

Noodle Kidoodle is a store which sells goods for infants and young children. The Northville Township store is located at the Northville Center shopping complex at the northwest corner of Six Mile and Haggerty roads. The promotion was part of the store's grand opening.

The store planned on making the offer by giving a voucher to the first 100 families who appeared at the store Saturday morning. Patrons would then be able to return to the store at a later time to make the purchase.

One small problem: as early as Friday evening, an estimated 200 persons had gathered outside the store in hopes of snaring one of the precious slips of paper.

Township police officer John Wurtz said that after seeing the crowd grow, store employees asked the crowd to break up, reminding them that the vouchers wouldn't be available until 9 a.m. on Sunday.

And though the weekend weather was great for golfers and gardeners, it provided the ideal situation for collectors to overtake it in front of the store.

"It was a perfect day for them to camp out," Wurtz said. "It's like they say — 'build it and they will come.' Well, they built it, and the collectors sure came."

Despite repeated attempts at slowing down the crowd, the bulk of the line stayed in place. Wurtz said, "The worst of the night rambled with some patrons' boozie intake made for a sometimes-ostentatious crowd, he said."

By 6 p.m. Friday, Noodle Kidoodle management decided something needed to be done.

Five officers and five executives from Noodle Kidoodle who had traveled from New York City for the event, collectively decided mere some 700 had to be put into the dispersal requests.

Wurtz said he advised the executives of the township's loitering ordinance which could be enforced, but only after a complaint had been written by store management.

Contrary to early reports, Wurtz said police never mandated Noodle Kidoodle take action in the matter.

An announcement by police that the loitering ordinance would be enforced rang out loud for a good portion of the crowd, Wurtz said. But a simultaneous decision was also made by the store to hand out the vouchers early to prevent store patrons from milling around out-

side the store.

For the first 100 families, that meant not having to wait an additional 13 hours for the store to open. For those who had been banking on an outside chance of snagging a voucher, it was news they didn't want to hear.

"People who were in the very back of the line weren't too upset," Wurtz said. "The ones who were, say 10:00, 10:10 in line expressed their displeasure about things," Wurtz said.

No serious incidents or arrests were reported.

From the store's perspective, the promotion was made the best of intentions.

"If it had been orderly, there wouldn't have been any problems with this," Noodle Kidoodle spokesperson Henry Lee said. "But for public safety reasons, we had to make this decision. If everything had gone smoothly, we would have handed out the vouchers at 9 a.m. (Sunday)."

Lee said Michiganian's affinity for Beanie Babies is among the highest in the country.

"We didn't expect a turnout to this degree," Lee said.

To avoid going through entire episodes of the mad rush for Beanie Babies, Lee said Noodle Kidoodle had dropped the promotion for the next two weeks, as had been planned. The Princess Diana dolls which would have been available will be distributed to charities.

Lee said the low price offered by the store for the Princess Diana Beanie Baby was reflective of Noodle Kidoodle's policy of "not gouging the customer."

Obituaries

BRIAN J. DROGMILLER

Brian Jay Drogmiller, 37, died March 28 in the VA Medical Center, Ann Arbor. Mr. Drogmiller was born March 20, 1961, in Detroit.

Sgt. 1st Class Drogmiller graduated from Novi High School in 1979.

He entered the United States Army in 1981, and served on active duty until April 4, 1997.

He was a military policeman with Headquarters Co. at the Sierra Army Depot in Herlong, Calif.

During his tour of duty, he was awarded the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal (third award), the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 3.

Also, the Army Service Ribbon, the Army Good Conduct Medal (third award), Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Expert Marksmanship Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar.

He is survived by his wife, Jodi R. and children, Joshua J. and Melissa Ann, all of Howell; parents, Jay and Judy Drogmiller of Novi; brother, Curtis of Farmington Hills; sister, Laurie Papal of Brighton; and grandmother, Dorothy Taylor of Eastpointe, Mich.

Services were held on Wednesday, April 1, at Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. Chaplain David W. Leist, Chief Chaplain with the VA Medical Center-Ann Arbor, officiated at the service. Interment was in Lakeview Cemetery in Howell.

Memorial contributions to the Leukemia Foundation or the American Cancer Foundation would be appreciated.

RICHARD H. ATCHINSON

Richard K. Atchinson, 59, of

Plymouth, formerly of Northville, died March 23 in Redford. He was born July 3, 1938, in Sessons Hospital, Northville to Orson and Naomi Atchinson.

Mr. Atchinson moved from Northville to the Plymouth community in 1969. He was office manager at Eagle Laser Instrument Services, Redford, for three years.

Mr. Atchinson enjoyed sports. He played football and golf at Northville High School from where he graduated in 1957.

As a basketball coach for the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Department, he instructed his son's and daughter's basketball teams.

His main hobby was golf; he also enjoyed the family's cottage up north.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Pat, of Northville; son, Doug (Pam) of Santa Barbara, Calif.; daughter, Susie (Matt) Lohman; brother, Roger (Sharon); and parents-in-law, Bob and Ethel Palenchar, all of Chicago.

Services were held on Thursday, March 26, at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Lumpkin officiating.

Memorials to the Maonia Meal, 1050 Porter, Detroit, MI 48226 (c/o Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church) would be appreciated by the family.

JOHN BENNETT

John Bennett, 85, of Northville, formerly of Redford, died March 29 at Oakwood Nursing Home. He was born May 15, 1912, in Pinex Fork, Ohio.

Mr. Bennett attended college for three years. He was elected a state representative for the 34th District.

A veteran, Mr. Bennett is survived by his wife, Edith (Bissell); daughters, Linda (Michael) Sigga

of Livonia, Carol (Frank) Marra of Budd Lake, N.J., and Barbara (John) Wisz of Livonia; brother, Frank Benedetti of Eastpointe; and grandchildren, Andrea, Christina, Gina, and Angela.

Services were held on Wednesday, April 1, at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Redford.

Arrangements were made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home Inc., Livonia.

ELEANOR A. JOHNSON

Eleanor A. Johnson of Northville, formerly of Belleville, died March 23, at Martin Luther Memorial Home in South Lyon. She was 93.

Mrs. Johnson was born Feb. 5, 1905, in Detroit to Sophia and Richard March.

She is survived by her son, Glen (Barbara) of Ypsilanti; daughters, Yvonne Ash of Northville and Shirley (Carl) Rerabacher of Saline; daughter-in-law, Evrodean of Wayne; sisters, Mildred Jamieson of South Lyon and Charlotte Schwartz of Canton; 15 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren.

Mrs. Johnson was preceded in death by her husband, Frank, in 1972; son, Franklin in 1993; brothers, Carl, John, Walter and Richard; and sisters, Clara, Edna, Sophia and Gertrude.

Services were held on Friday, March 27, at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville.

Pastor Paul Schaefer of St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, Plymouth officiated at the service. Interment was in Michigan Memorial Cemetery, Flat Rock.

Memorials to St. Peter Lutheran Church of Plymouth or the Martin Luther Memorial Home in South Lyon would be appreciated.

Ex-Walled Lake teacher lobbies for inclusion of gays

POLICY TEXT

Text of the Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Proposed Non-Discrimination Employment Policy:

When the Walled Lake Schools Board of Education approved a first reading of changes to the district's non-discrimination employment policy, Gerald Plas believes they left one very important part out — sexual orientation.

"They left out the obvious group of homosexuals and bisexuals," Plas said.

"I just think they ought to deal with it — get on with it."

Walled Lake does not have sexual orientation clauses in their employment policies, staff contracts or student codes of conduct.

"We just follow the federal guidelines," said Lois Lange, Walled Lake district spokesperson.

"We are current with the federal law."

Plas, a recently retired Walled Lake Middle School sex education teacher, said he has discussed the issue with school leaders for years and made some progress with the district in 1986. That year, Plas said, district officials permitted the use of the term "homosexual" in curriculum related to Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

But since that time, Plas said, he continued to witness the verbal and physical abuse of gay students which causes students to drop out of school. If teachers are open

about their sexual orientation, he said, it would increase the comfort level of gay students.

"If you have closeted teachers, you end up having unhappy employees," according to Plas, who said he himself is not gay.

"I think, if you could start by letting the teachers be who they are and make it okay to support the kids who are different, you would see the dropout rate change."

Plas believes not including sexual orientation in school non-discrimination policies also leads to gay students turning to drugs and alcohol and committing suicide.

"We end up with kids who are committing suicide because of their school experience," Plas said.

"A season doesn't go by when I haven't heard about a former student committing suicide."

The Walled Lake resident, who retired within the last month after teaching in the district for 29 years, said these students need teachers to be open about their sexual orientations.

"When the kids have a role model, they have a safe place to go," Plas said.

"They would rather quietly deal with the suicides," Plas said of school administrators. Their priorities are their paychecks."

Women's Survival Center seeks volunteers at courthouse

The Women's Survival Center of Oakland County has scheduled an April orientation for prospective volunteers.

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Puppet show will play Ward

Psalty the Singing Songbook is coming to Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church on April 4, to conduct Psalty's Fantastic Praise Party Two.

John Psalty and his friends for an action-packed praise party for the whole family at Ward's new Northville church located at 40000 Six Mile Road at the corner of Haggerty and Six Mile. The event will be held twice with the first show at 11 a.m. and the second to follow at 2 p.m.

The 90-minute show features puppets, clowns, singing, and praise to the Lord.

Ernie Rettino designed, produces, and hosts the event as Psalty. He has done numerous crusades including several Franklin Graham Crusades and the Bill Graham Kids Crusade in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Tickets are free. Contact the Ward Church Christian Education Office at (734) 422-1836.

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Planners quit committee over OST zoning goals

By WENDY PIERMAN MITZEL
Staff Writer

Conflicting philosophies on how to use the new high tech Office Service Technology ordinance caused three Novi Planning Commissioners to resign from their positions on the Master Planning and Zoning Committee earlier this month.

They were upset, March 18 after being directed by council to vary from their earlier decision to focus only on the Haggerty Road connector area for use as a high tech area for now.

"Why am I wasting my time on this committee," said Commissioner Brent Canup. "Why are we doing the research to have it run right over. I resign from this committee."

The entire commission was directed by the city council to schedule a public hearing on April 15 for the purpose of rezoning several areas to the Office Service and Technology ordinance.

The commission held a public hearing on Master Plan changes last night.

The city-initiated rezonings are

"Why am I wasting my time on this committee?"

Brent Canup,
Planning Commissioner

in-part a reaction to the city's Economic Summit held March 14. There, local business and property owners, along with city officials encouraged use of the ordinance to bring in high tech research firms which are a large tax revenue source.

But while the committee, made of four planning commissioners, decided to focus only on the Haggerty Road Connector corridor, the directive targets four other areas.

In addition, other critics of the rezonings say current property owners, not the city taxpayers, should fit the bill of rezonings.

Commissioner Robert Churella said the rezonings will increase property values.

"I can't see why everyone's so upset about it. We knew it was coming. It's money wisely spent," he said.

don't want to serve either," she said.

Bononi and Chair Eda Weddington were to the two votes against the public hearing.

Fundamentally, Weddington is opposed to city initiated rezonings. Commissioner Art Vrettas resigned and called it a "conspiracy."

He said he warned the commission weeks ago that it would be railroaded by council. Commissioners who spoke out against the council were replaced last summer, he noted.

Pointing at the newer commission members he said "You came on to do what the council wanted you to do — you kissed up."

This shouldn't have been a surprise, some said. The council set aside \$8,000 at a February meeting for work on the rezonings, according to Jim Wahl, planning director.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Novi Planning Commission will hold a public hearing April 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Center to rezone 1 properties to OST zoning ordinance. If approved by the city council, the rezoning would change:

- Property north of I-696, west of Haggerty Road bounded by the Haggerty Connector and south of Fourteen Mile Road. (The mobile home community along I-696 is not included.)

- Property on the south side of Twelve Mile Road on either corner of Meadowbrook Road. The boundary extends down Meadowbrook Road on either side of the street to I-696.

- Property on the north side of Grand River Avenue between Taft and Beck Roads.

- Property south of Twelve Mile Road and east of the CSX railroad tracks.

Northville High scholars make National Merit cut

All four Northville High School students announced in September as semi-finalists in the 1998 National Merit Scholarship Competition have been named as finalists.

The students will compete against 14,000 other students around the nation for a chance to be one of 7,400 students to receive Merit Scholarship status and \$28 million in scholarships.

They are Charles Fan, Megan Hienstra, Brian Mount and Stephen Traifoff.

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

The students were entered into the program after receiving high marks on the 1996 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test as juniors. Their performance on the test put them in the top one percent of the country's high school graduating class, according to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

To advance onto the Finalist level, the students maintained outstanding academic records

throughout high school, were endorsed and recommended by their high school and submitted SAT I scores. The semi-finalists also filled out an extensive application with a self-descriptive essay and information about participation and leadership in school and community activities.

Each finalist will be considered for one of 2,200 National Merit \$2,000 Scholarships to be awarded on a state representative 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 but 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.

Ward Church opens doors

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Busy. That was the word Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church senior pastor Jim McGuire used to describe the landmark house of worship in Northville Township.

Doors opened for the first time this weekend at the 200,000-square foot facility. It was built after years of Ward's congregation doing ample fund raising and negotiating with Northville Township officials to arrange building on the Six Mile and Haggerty Road site.

"It was an explosion of humanity — I can tell you that," McGuire said Tuesday.

He said all three of the church services were stuffed with parishioners. Exact head counts weren't available, McGuire said, because

churchgoers continued to stream into the facility after the service had begun. Best estimates pegged the attendance at more than 4,700 persons.

One of the most marked jumps was in the senior high Sunday school class, which had attendance jump from around 110 the weekend of March 22 to 180 for opening day at the new facility. Other groups within the church noticed significant boosts in attendance, he said.

Township public safety director Chip Snider said the first weekend went reasonably well from a traffic standpoint, but added that the possibility existed that a traffic signal may need to be added at the Six Mile Road entrance to the church.

In addition, Snider said he had been in contact with Wayne County road authorities to have the exist-

ing traffic signal at the church's Haggerty

Road entrance to operate on a time sequence during Sunday morning services rather than as a flashing yellow light as it is now at that time.

The church's Sunday evening service caused no hangups with traffic, Snider said.

Ward authorities had indicated at an earlier date a willingness to pick up the cost of any light installation necessary, and McGuire said that continued to be the case after Sunday.

"We've wanted a light there all along (Wayne County) asked us to demonstrate a need. I think we have," McGuire said.

Services for the next two weeks promise to be some of the largest of the year — Palm Sunday and Easter.

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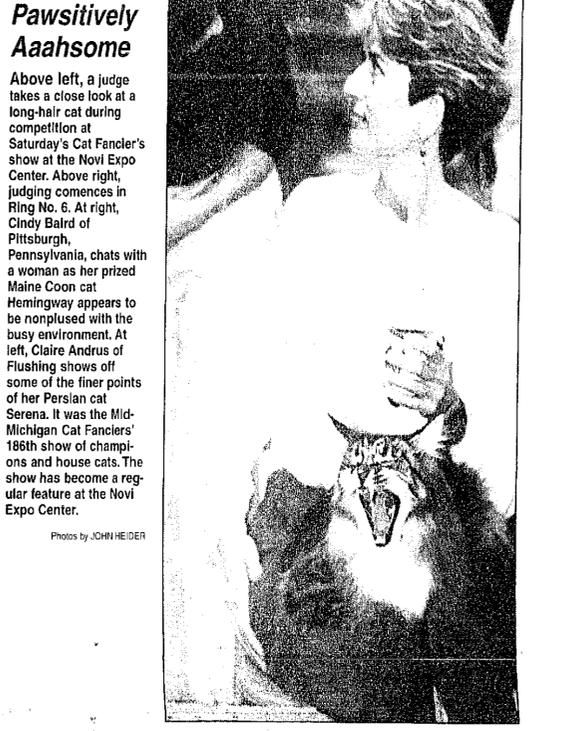
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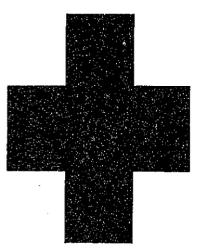
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Above left, a judge takes a close look at a long-hair cat during competition at Saturday's Cat Fanciers show at the Novi Expo Center. Above right, judging commences in Ring No. 6. At right, Cindy Balrd of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, chats with a woman as her prized Maine Coon cat Hemingway appears to be nonplused with the busy environment. At left, Claire Andrus of Flushing shows off some of the finer points of her Persian cat Serena. It was the Mid-Michigan Cat Fanciers' 186th show of champions and house cats. The show has become a regular feature at the Novi Expo Center.

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Mom offers to settle Northville suit for \$1,100

By WENDSY WHITE
Staff Writer

For \$1,100, an admission of guilt and abandonment of the counter suit alleging defamation of character, attorneys for John Zaas have offered to drop the multi-million dollar lawsuit filed against the Northville Public School District last September.

Zaas' attorney, Craig Essenmacher, has formally made the offer to the district, however he did announce it at a press conference, which he held at his Southfield law office.

"If they're willing to admit what they did, we're willing to get out of this lawsuit," Essenmacher said. "If they are willing to go public and admit fault to protect this student and outline steps they will

take in the future to ensure this doesn't happen again, my client is willing to drop the case."

No deal, said school officials.

"Absolutely not," said Superintendent Dr. Leonard Reznierski.

"Through the harm that this has caused there is no way I can recommend this as a course to follow. That's admitting guilt and culpability. I cannot with good conscience see how we would do that. The allegations are all false."

He added that he would not recommend dropping the counter suit that alleges Zaas defamed Anderson's character by making inflammatory comments to the media.

"Clearly we want to clear the good name of Dr. Anderson first

and foremost," Reznierski said.

Essenmacher, a personal friend of the Zaas family said he came onto the case after the initial lawsuit was filed in order to help Zaas. To the original 11 claims, Essenmacher added four more in February, upping the damages to more than \$11 million.

The claims in the amended suit stress the abuse of Stephanie and her subsequent fear of attending American.

Essenmacher also engineered the settlement, which he said is in keeping with the media attention that the lawsuit has attracted during the past two weeks. After the Zaas case headlined a front page article about bullying in the Detroit Free Press, the story was picked up by local television and radio stations

and even Good Morning America.

"The focus of the coverage ranged from how bullying is handled in public schools, to whether the allegations in the lawsuit are credible," Essenmacher said he felt the coverage was slanted.

"The publicity has clouded what this lawsuit is all about," Essenmacher said. "Our motive is not about money. How can you put a price on a child's future?"

By offering the out of court settlement for \$1,100 to cover Zaas' legal fees, Essenmacher said he is proving money is not the issue.

"The issue is these things go on in schools and administrators should take action to prevent this," he said.

"I haven't even spoken to the other side yet. I've spoken to my client and yes we are serious about the offer. It's not just something I threw out for publicity."

Reznierski maintains that he has seen no offer in writing, but rejects even the thought of settling. "There was no abuse of Stephanie at all. That admission is absurd. The harm that's been

War in Afghanistan

Taleben diplomat speaks with Meads Mills kids



Afghan native Seraj Jamal Wardak, with Meads Mill teacher Chris Nedam, discusses his nation.

By WENDSY WHITE
Staff Writer

Some Meads Mill Middle School students appreciate their lives a little more now, and hope to soon share their good fortune with others.

After being exposed to the culture of Afghanistan through visiting speaker Seraj Jamal Wardak, the students are initiating a plan to reach out and help students across the globe.

Wardak, second secretary to the Taleben Ambassador to America, is in charge of 80 percent of Afghan soil," Wardak said.

But Wardak stressed that he wasn't in town to talk about politics, but to expose the students to life in another part of the world.

"He wants the students to understand what kind of a life the kids in their country lead. To open their eyes," Nedam said.

Translating Wardak's words from Dari, one of two national languages in Afghanistan. "If we can help them understand what children over there are going through maybe

items of dress and described the geography of the country by pointing out features on a map.

But students related most to his descriptions of conditions at the look like toys in order to target young children.

"They are meant to maim, not kill, because a person is more of a burden if maimed not dead."

Hundred parents rally around Amerman Elementary principal

By WENDSY WHITE
Staff Writer

Families with children at Amerman Elementary School have rallied behind the school's principal, Dr. Stephen Anderson, to offer support as he faces a multi-million dollar lawsuit.

At least 100 parents signed a banner boasting "We Love Our Principals" that now hangs above the front entrance to the school. Students have applied hand prints and signatures to another banner that states "Dr. Anderson's the best." A blue ribbon campaign has been scheduled for next week.

More than 200 parents signed a letter to the editor to the Detroit Free Press to set the record straight

regarding a front page article that thrust the lawsuit into the international limelight.

Parents said they were inspired to write the letter because they felt the Free Press reporter didn't research the article.

"This reporter apparently did not bother to contact the Northville Police, the Department of Social Services, the local newspaper, the parents of the two 'accused' children or any other parents who had a child in the class in which all the alleged extreme abuse is said to have occurred," the letter stated. "If he had checked he would have discovered that there is nothing to support the claims of abuse."

They were also upset by the fact that the article appeared under a "Children First" heading, but ended up harming the students left wondering why their school has been getting all the negative attention.

The letter was formulated by members of the Amerman PTA who are struggling to rebuild the reputation of the elementary school and its caretaker.

"The reporter has defamed a kind and caring principal and cast

a shadow over an excellent school in an excellent school district," the letter continued.

Many Amerman parents feel that the media hasn't offered all the facts in the case and they've been disturbed by reports in the newspapers, on local television stations and even on Good Morning America.

"Dr. Anderson is so educated and he's so caring that it just really ticked me off," said Terri O'Brien who has a student in kindergarten at Amerman. "He cares not only about kids but about parents. How many principals are that available to help you with other issues you may be having at home? I just totally respect him. He really has an interest not only in the school but in the community for making our kids better for the world they're going to be a part of."

Other parents share that sentiment and are quick to point out that Amerman has been declared a "no put-down zone" by the school improvement team for years. Also in place at the school are peer mediation and "catch them being good" programs.

O'Brien said her daughter brings home special coupons that she earns by solving riddles, and that she takes these small rewards to heart.

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Northville Township police work out four-year union contract

By CHRIS C. DAVIS
Staff Writer

Northville Township's police officers appeared ready to sign on for a new four-year contract Tuesday, following the unanimous approval of the contract by the township board of trustees late last month.

The township board of trustees voted unanimously to approve the deal. An informal understanding was tagged with the arrangement, which alerted the unions that the township would reexamine benefits packages in 2000. The contract calls for pay increases of 3-percent per year for three years, with a 4-percent boost in the fourth year.

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Librarian wins national honors

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van until moments before it's ready to roll.

In 1990, she was promoted to assistant director of the library, an advancement in a career she planned when she was 13 years old and fell in love with librarians.

"I can't imagine doing anything else. It gives me the opportunity to bring people and books and information together," Druschel said.

Eight years ago, the reading group, the most direct expression of her lifelong passion for books, was launched. It's been, said Evans, "a springboard into the world of ideas and limitless topics for exploration."

Selections have ranged from "Middlemarch" by George Eliot and "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe to "Like Water for Chocolate" by Laura Esquivel and "Alias Grace" by Margaret Atwood. Each year, a trip is taken to a different country via its literature; past years have taken in China, Russia and Japan. This year, reading on Ireland encompasses everything from the historic role of women to the IRA.

"Let's Talk About It" is more than a reading group, it's a place where senior women seeking something more challenging than Bingo can soar together through the world of ideas. The book discussion group draws retirees from many backgrounds - a nurse, a teacher, a banker, a civil servant.

"It's a reward you can give yourself that really doesn't take much money. It's time and commitment on your part," Druschel said.

"Everyone of us is going to come out of it a little changed, because we're getting a different perspective."

Christina Charles, 82, loved to chat about books with her older

- ### READING LIST
- Novel Seniors Book Discussion Group readings:
- "Alias Grace," by Margaret Atwood
 - "Beloved" and "Song of Solomon," by Toni Morrison
 - Fiction and Non-fiction about Ireland
 - Material by Carolyn Hallbrun "The Spanish Lover," by Joanna Trollope
 - "Moving Violations," by John Hockenberry
 - "Waltz High In The World Of," by Nancy Mairs
 - "Midwives," by Chris Bohjalian
 - "Miss Ophelia," by Mary Smith
 - Selections by and about Elizabeth Kubler-Ross
 - "Midnight In The Garden of Good And Evil," by John Berendt
 - Katharine Graham sampler "Tuesday's With Morrie," by Mitch Albom
 - "Old Friends," by Tracy Kidder

sister, Juanita. While her sister's been gone for many years now, Charles finds the comradeship in books she wants with Druschel's discussion group.

"People don't read today like they used to. I think it's a lost art," said Charles.

"Pauline is wonderful. She's just a wonderful leader. She goes out of her way to bring extra things to do and make it interesting."

While books by authors like Danielle Steele may be entertaining, Druschel hones in on selections that invigorate group members and add spark to their discussions.

"They're not excited about going bowling. Something like this that can stretch your brain and keep you challenged as a group is wonderful," she explained.

Charles, for example, who raised six children, brings a unique and opinionated - perspective to the group, Druschel said.

"May Sarton would have sat up and paid attention if she heard Christina's opinion about her. She said she was spoiled, pampered, could write very well, but she was selfish," she added.

When discussion group members go on vacation, they often take their reading with them. They also look out for one another. If an older, frazier member misses a meeting, one of the others will phone up, to check on her health.

"It's a very caring and supportive group with a lot of different perspectives and different opinions," Druschel said.

"Each one of these people is a special friend of mine."

Outreach is another program that remains near and dear to Druschel's heart. Books are delivered to local nursing homes by Druschel and Outreach Librarian Georgia Garvesteen and clerk Carol Johnson.

"Everyone's there waiting for you and if you're ten minutes late, it's 'where've you been?'" Druschel said.

"When you're confined and very sharp and you're not enchanted

Novi grad preps playscape sign

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Woodworking became more than just a hobby after high school for Gross.

He said he got hooked when he was 3 years old, after making a small stool.

"It kind of snowballed from there," he added.

Wood shop in 5th grade confirmed his interest and he naturally went on to Lawrence Tech for a B.S. in architecture.

So how did becoming a full-time firefighter for Plymouth fit in?

"A friend talked me into fire-fighting in Novi and I kind of got bit by the bug," he explained.

But still his heart lies in wood-working and he hopes to devote more time to creating his own line of furniture in the near future. He leans toward the Arts and Crafts style which dates around 1860 to 1925. He even just helped design a log cabin-style house for a northern Michigan resident.

"It starts out with an idea on paper and it winds up to be something tangible you can see," he said.

Allergist to speak at Borders Books

Steven V. Stryk M.D., of the Allergy and Asthma Center of Michigan in Novi, will be giving a talk on asthma Wednesday, April 8, at 7 p.m. at Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills.

Dr. Stryk is a board certified specialist in asthma and allergic disorders, treating both adults and children. A question and answer session will follow and up-to-date relevant books on asthma and allergies will be available.

Borders Books & Music is located at 30995 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills.

In books, these highly literate ladies clearly find something more deeply satisfying than flicking through the channel line-up on cable TV.

"It can take you into places and worlds that you might not have the time, the money to go into. It's an opportunity to see how ordinary people lived. It's a measuring rod for your own life and can help you have more satisfaction in your life and spur you into doing something," Druschel explained.

"I don't think I could get through a day if I didn't have the ability to pick up a book and spend a little time reading."

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Voters approve school bond

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 mittes were planted in residents' front yards. However some disappeared Thursday night, according to Superlisky, and a few signs that said "Vote No, Enough is Enough" were mysteriously posted. They listed no identifiable political committee.

As for the administration, they were already turning the wheels in the process as soon as the approval came in.

Jim Koster, assistant superintendent of business, was on the phone Monday morning with attorneys to get the bond sale in place.

He also planned to round up the players in the infrastructure improvement process to begin a schedule. As the process continues, the athletic and band boosters as well as PTO parents will be involved, he said.

Generally, Koster expects playground improvements to start immediately, the athletic field improvements to begin in October and parking changes to happen next summer.

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Equipment improvements mean more fun, safety

The Federal Consumer Products Safety Commission began studying playground equipment in the early 1980s more closely as a result of child deaths and lawsuits regarding playground equipment.

Approximately 200,000 children visit emergency rooms across the nation as a result of playground injuries.

Today's playground structures are built, of course, to sell. But they are also built with new safety standards in mind, said Nancy

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This Saturday's victory means \$2.7 million in improvements to athletic fields, \$1.7 million to parking improvements, \$1.8 million for playground changes and \$12.5 million for a new elementary school at Equestrian and Wixom roads.

The amount adds up to more than \$17.3 million, however, interest earnings and money from a state settlement will make up the difference.

The ramifications of the new school in particular, mean additional dollars in upcoming years for teachers, administrators and support staff.

The development of subdivisions around the city caused the student population to grow to 5,345 this year, up 33 percent from 1990. The population increase meant an expansion of Novi High School, the building of Parkview Elementary and a new middle school along with the most recent elementary school in the past decade. In all, the district will have spent nearly \$100 million on the improvements over the elementary school is opened.

In addition, the committee invested time ensuring supporters would get to the polls and vote.

Last year, voters turned down a similar \$5.5 million proposal that did not include the elementary school.

"They were very excited," Boerna said. "It's been a real pain for them all season long."

The committee, too, breathed a sigh of relief this week.

"We're very pleased," said John Calandro, a member of the citizen's committee. They key to success, he

Saturday ballots spur voter turn out

By ERIC DOBSON Staff Writer

Weekend elections are fast becoming the trend in many school districts, according to Debby Brauer, spokesperson for Novi schools.

The reasoning is that school district residents have more free time to vote on a Saturday.

And it's working. Saturday special Novi school district election produced the highest in voter turnout in the last six years. Some 3,114 ballots were cast, 12.5 percent of registered voters.

This is the second time Novi schools has used a Saturday ballot. The first was a special election September 3, 1995, which produced the second highest voter turnout, with 2,819 registered voters hitting the polls.

Compared with past annual elections held on Mondays, twice as many voters expressed their opinions in the Saturday ballots. The only exception to this

occurred on June 13, 1994 when 2,818 ballots were cast. But that was an annual school election with two major issues on the ballot as well as school board trustee positions.

Tuesdays are traditionally the days on which special elections are held while Mondays are used for the annual school elections.

"It's a convenience for the voters," says Brauer. "Saturday elections are more accessible to the voters. This is something they asked for."

That convenience may soon be gone however. A series of bills has been proposed in Lansing that would require school districts to consolidate all their elections in November with municipal, state and federal elections.

The bills, sponsored by Sen. Loren Bennett, R-Canton, have already been passed by the Michigan Senate and are currently being considered by the House.

CORRECTION TO PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF NOVI, MICHIGAN

In the March 26, 1998 Edition of the Novi News, a public hearing was announced to convene on April 15, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. in the Novi Council Chambers at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375. The public hearing will consider Zoning Map Amendments No. 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593 and 594. The notice stated that written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 10, 1998.

THE NOTICE SHOULD HAVE READ: that written comments may be sent to the Planning & Community Development Department, at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 until (and during) the 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 1998.

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More money coming for local roadways

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Upgrading the Beck and Wixom interchanges is expected to cost \$60 million. The proposed federal money would go towards the new design of the two intersections. By mid-1999, the design work is expected to be finished.

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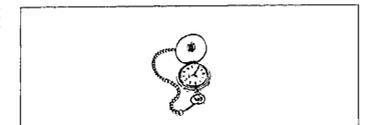
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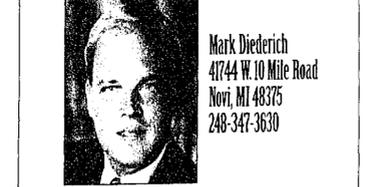
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APRIL 5th

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Area churches gear up for Easter celebrations

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church at 349-8847.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 200 E. Main in Northville, will have Palm Sunday services at 9:30 and 11 a.m. and Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:30 p.m. On Good Friday, April 10, there will be a combined service at First United Methodist Church of Northville at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, April 12, regular services will be held at 9:30 and 11 a.m. For more information, call First Presbyterian Church at 349-0911.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 777 West Eight Mile Road, will have an early worship on Palm Sunday at 8 a.m. The youth musical "What Would Jesus Do?" will be presented at the 9:15 and 11 a.m. services. The Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service will be at 7:30 p.m. On Good Friday, April 10, there will be a community service at 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday begins with a Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. A breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. Two more services are scheduled on Easter Sunday — at 9:15 and 11 a.m. For more information, call the church at 349-1144.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH, 770 Thayer Boulevard in Northville, will use the regular Mass times on Palm Sunday. On Holy Thursday there will be no morning Mass, but there will be a 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration until midnight. The schedule for Good Friday is: no morning Mass, noon Stations of the Cross, 1 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday, and a 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service. The Blessing of Food begins at 1 p.m. on Holy Saturday with the Easter Vigil Liturgy beginning at 8 p.m. On Easter Sunday, Masses have been scheduled for 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the church, and 9 and 11 a.m. in both the church

and in the social hall. For more information, call the church at 349-2621.

THE MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 21355 Meadowbrook Road in Novi, will have a Service at 10 a.m. on Palm Sunday followed by a pancake breakfast following. A catered dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Maundy Thursday, April 9, followed by a Communion and Confirming of Confirmants. On April 10, Good Friday, Meadowbrook will participate with the Novi clergy at the ecumenical service at Holy Family Church at noon. There will be two services on Easter Sunday — 9 and 11 a.m. For more information, call 348-7757.

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 201 Elm Street in Northville, will have the following schedule on Palm Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Adult Bible Studies, and 11 a.m. Holy Communion. Maundy Thursday worship will be held at 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Holy Communion Service will be at 1 p.m. with a worship service at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, there will be a 7 a.m. Sunrise Service, an 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service, a 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 10 a.m. Adult Bible Studies; and 11 a.m. Holy Communion Service. For more information, call the church at 349-3140.

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, which meets temporarily in the chapel of Our Lady of Providence, 16115 Beck Road between Five and Six Mile roads, will offer Holy Communion following the procession with palms this Sunday, April 5, at 10 a.m. Special instrumental and vocal music will be highlighted. Maundy Thursday's Holy Communion service is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the church's parson-

age, 13220 Anlover Drive, south off North Territorial Road between Napier Road and M-14. An edited video of Northville residents Don and Shirley Klokenga's trip to the Holy Land will be the mediated Word for the evening. Call (734) 459-8181 for details and directions.

On Good Friday, New Life will worship with St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon Road in Plymouth in a liturgy of solemn collects. Pastor Ken Roberts will preach at the 7:30 p.m. service. Easter will feature a 10 a.m. communion service with special vocal music and brass ensemble. From 8:30 until 9:30 a.m., an Easter breakfast is offered with a 9 a.m. egg hunt for children ages 2 to 12. A gift for each child after the egg hunt and during worship will be part of this day of celebration at the Our Lady of Providence Chapel in Northville Township.

For more information contact New Life Lutheran Church Pastor Ken Roberts at (734) 459-8181 or (734) 207-5223.

ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH, 46325 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will gather for Communal Penance at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church. A Private Penance will be offered on Wednesday, April 8, beginning at 7 p.m. at St. James. There will be no Confessions on Saturday April 11 or 18. The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday, April 9. On Good Friday, a 1 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death has been scheduled. Holy Saturday, April 11, there is a 1 p.m. Blessing of Food and an 8 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass. Easter Sunday, Masses will be held at 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at 347-7778.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, Nine Mile and Meadowbrook, in Novi, will present a cantata "Thy Will Be Done" on

Palm Sunday at 10 a.m. with Lord's Supper. The topic for the Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. with Lord's Supper will be "Jesus Gave His Last Will and Testament." On Friday, April 10, the 7 p.m. Tenebrae Worship Service focus will be "Jesus Died at Calvary." Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will focus on "Jesus Rose from the Dead" and will be held at 7:30 a.m. An Easter breakfast follows at 8:45 a.m. A Festival Service has been scheduled for 10 a.m. For more information, call the church at 349-0565.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE, 217 N. Wing in Northville, will have a Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, the 9:30 and 11 a.m. worship services which will feature an illustrated sermon involving music and drama. For more information, call the church at 348-1020.

NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY, 41355 Six Mile Road, one mile west of Haggerty in Novi, will present this year's annual Easter production "Once and for All" on April 3, 4 at 7 p.m. and April 5 at 4 p.m. For more information or to reserve a free ticket, call the church at (248) 348-9030.

The community is also invited to communion services on Good Friday, April 10, at 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Pastor Otis Buchan will be leading worshippers in the memorial and celebration of Christ's death and resurrection. For more information call the church at (248) 348-9030.

FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 4440 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will present an Easter cantata "The Power of His Love" arranged by David T. Clydesdale on Palm Sunday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m. This dramatic musical features two drama casts, and the Sanctuary Choir. The community is welcome.

For more information, call Faith Community Presbyterian Church at (248) 349-5666.

NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 41671 West Ten Mile Road in Novi, will have a sit-down dinner for Maundy Thursday, participate in the ecumenical community service at noon at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi; an Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m.; Easter breakfast at 8:15 a.m. and Festival Worship at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at 349-2652.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, 40700 West Ten Mile between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads, will have a service at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 4, and a 10:30 a.m. service on Palm Sunday. On Maundy Thursday, April 9, the washing of the feet and sharing of the Holy Meal will be held at 7:30 p.m. The congregation will gather on Good Friday at Holy Family at noon for the community ecumenical service. At 7:30 p.m. they will commemorate our Lord's death solemnly with a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service of Darkness. The Easter Vigil (at Antioch Lutheran Church) begins at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 11. On Easter Day, the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, the Early Service of Celebration will be held at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Easter Breakfast. The Resurrection Festival Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the church at (248) 477-6296.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 39200 West Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills, will have 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on Palm Sunday. On Maundy Thursday, April 9, the congregation will gather at 7:30 p.m. There will be two services on Good Friday, April 10, one at noon and the other at 7:30 p.m. On Easter Sunday, there will be a 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Eucharist; a 9 a.m. Easter Celebration with Eucharist; and an 11 a.m. Easter Celebration with Baptism and Eucharist. Both will include a children's message. An Easter breakfast will be served at 10 a.m. The proceeds from the breakfast will go towards the cost of Confirmation Camp for the junior high youth. Nursery service will be provided on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday at 7:30 p.m. and on Easter Sunday at 9 and 11 a.m. For more information, call the church at (248) 553-7170.

CELEBRATE WITH A THOUSAND IS THE THEME AT FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE, 21260 Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road in Northville, for Easter morning worship. Holy Week begins with "He's Alive," a musical drama presentation, with orchestra, drama, adult and children's choirs at 11 a.m. on Palm Sunday and will be capped

with an Early Easter Baptism and Communion Service at 8 a.m., a free Easter Fellowship Breakfast at 9 a.m. and the celebrate with a thousand Easter Celebration service at 10:30 a.m. when 1,000 people will enjoy music, a life orchestra, a drama, and an Easter message. A Children's Worship Service is available, along with free child care, and a gift for guests. A special invitation is extended to the community to "Be One of a Thousand" and celebrate this great day with 999 other Easter worshippers. For more information, call the church at (248) 348-7600.

VICTORY LUTHERAN CHURCH, will hold a Palm Sunday service at 10 a.m. at the Novi Meadows School cafeteria, located on Taft Road between Ten Mile Road and Grand River. For more information, call 349-2669.

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Novi High schedules Prom Fashion Show for Thursday

By ERIC DOBSON
Staff Writer

Novi High School's junior-senior prom is still more than a month off, but Thursday, April 2, will find many of the students dressed and ready to dance.

The high school's Fuerst Auditorium will play center stage for the fifth annual Prom Fashion

Show fundraiser. The junior class is sponsoring the event with the proceeds going to help pay for this year's prom, which will be held at Burton Manor in Livonia on May 9.

Planning for the fashion show started three months ago and both the student officers organizing the event and the class sponsors have been busy.

"It's a big job and there's a lot more work involved than with the prom," said Gale Zielinski, 1999 class sponsor. "The prom is a breeze compared to the Prom Fashion Show."

Various local businesses were more than willing donate prom dresses, tuxedos, flowers and other services.

"The community, we couldn't do it without them," Zielinski added. "They've come through year after year for the school. It's definitely appreciated by the students. It makes this a lot easier."

In addition to the fashion show, and different from years past, students will be providing entertainment including magic acts, dancing and musical numbers.

"Last year there were skits, but they didn't go over too well," said junior vice president Jessica Cash. "So this is kind of new. Especially the magic and dancing. That's never been done before."

The sophomore class is also helping out by providing free refreshments after the show as well as running a raffle, with the prizes coming from local businesses.

The cost for attending is a donation of \$5 and \$3 for children under 12. The Prom Fashion Show starts at 7:30 p.m. and is expected to last two hours.

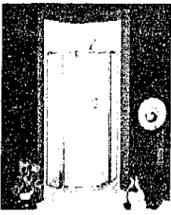
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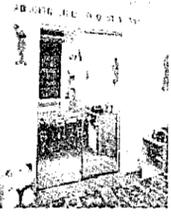
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Novi soccer is fortunate to have two returning stars in Lydia Raburn and Kristi Arrington. But faced with matches against some of the best teams in the state, success for the Wildcats will require their best...

Team Effort

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Although soccer is one of the biggest team sports around, Novi will taunt one of the best 1-2 punches in the area this year with the return of Lydia Raburn and Kristi Arrington.

The two combined for 52 goals and 30 assists and single-handedly proved they could take over games. In consecutive Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) games last year, Arrington scored five goals against Lakeland and Raburn came back to score five goals against Howell. Raburn earned first-team all-state honors for her accomplishments.

But coach Larry Christoff agreed that it would be the play of his team that makes Novi successful this year, not the individuals.

"It's going to be a team effort this year," he said. "We've never had to rely on our superstars. I think this year's team expects a lot from itself. They feel this will be their year to play some of the best teams in the state."

That won't be hard, seeing that Novi plays in a district that regularly has two or three top-ranked teams. Last year's state champion Livonia Stevenson won Novi's district.

"Whoever wins our district could win the state title. We're looking for a good season," Christoff said.

Novi will also have to look no further than defending KVC champion Brighton for a good test. The Bulldogs won the conference crown last year, topping Novi twice, and will again be the team to beat along with the Cats.

"It's gonna again be a real horse race between us and Brighton," the coach

said. "I anticipate us meeting again, but Milford's going to be in there scrapping." Novi finished 9-2 in the KVC and 17-3-1 overall.

If the Wildcats are going to go anywhere this season, senior halfback Jessica Kenny will play a key role. Last year Kenny sustained injuries that kept her out for much of the second half of the year.

"I think with her being healthy, she'll be a tremendous asset to us," Christoff said.

Along with Kenny, the other halfbacks who will be counted on to produce are Yvonne Irimescu, Julia DiPonio, Kristin Shea and Jill Gibson.

In goal, sophomore Sarah Clark has a season under her belt and should be solid between the pipes.

One area of concern for Christoff is in the backfield, senior fullback Erin Spindler and senior defenders Marissa Hermann and Elizabeth Thompson are back and will also have some pressure on their shoulders.

"All three of these girls did a good job in this area last year," Christoff said.

The team is deep, with halfbacks Jenny Baglady, Jennifer Corless, Katie Mieras and Nicole Angelocci making the squad. Katie Bailey, Sara Heusel, Tiffany Gillespie and Angie Pantaleo will also play roles in the backfield.

Along with being deep, Christoff's team is loaded with experience. Novi lost just three seniors from last year and has 10 seniors and seven juniors back.

"I feel we have a strong backbone with these seniors," the coach said. "I think they might surprise a lot of teams this year."

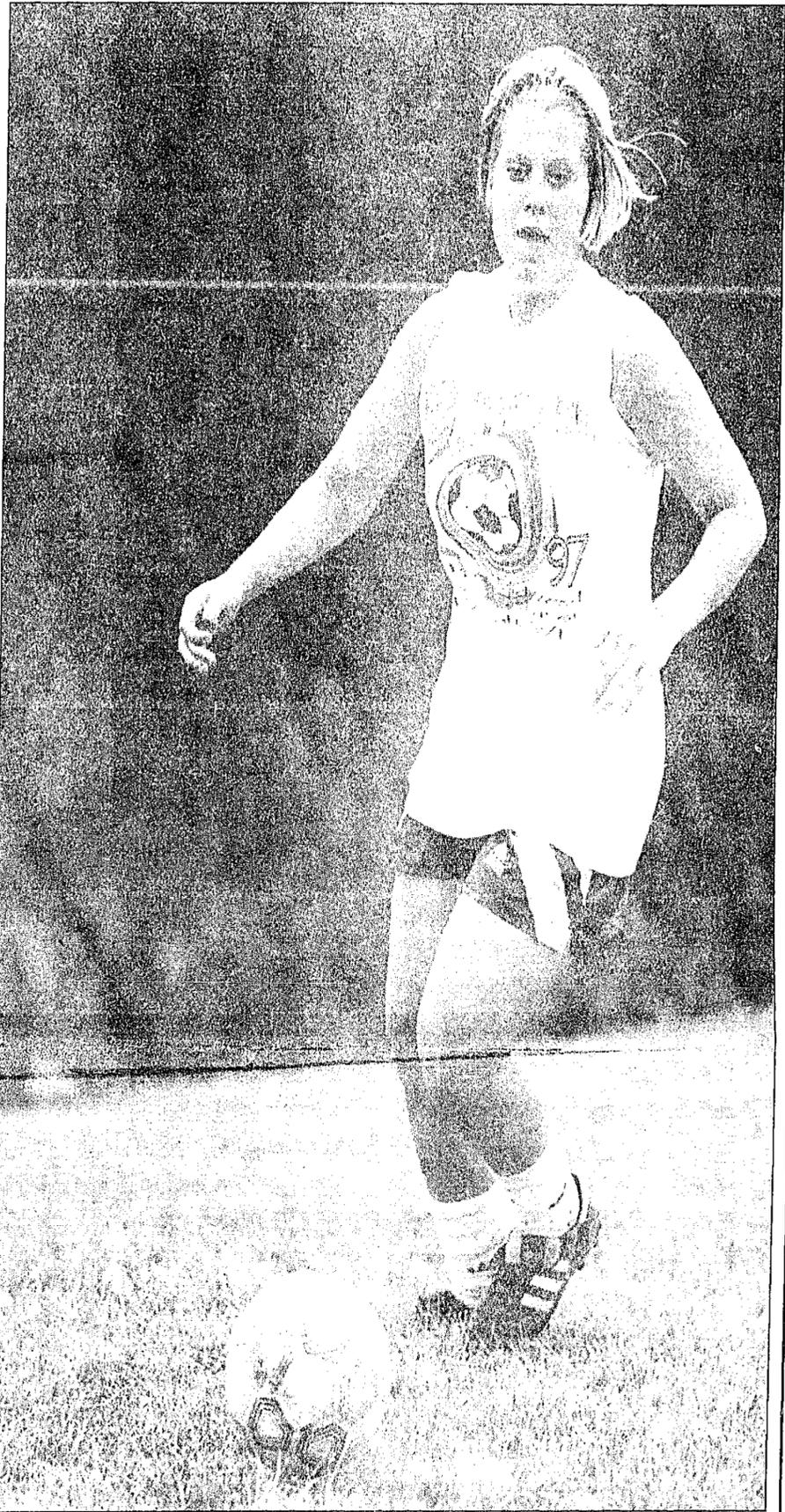


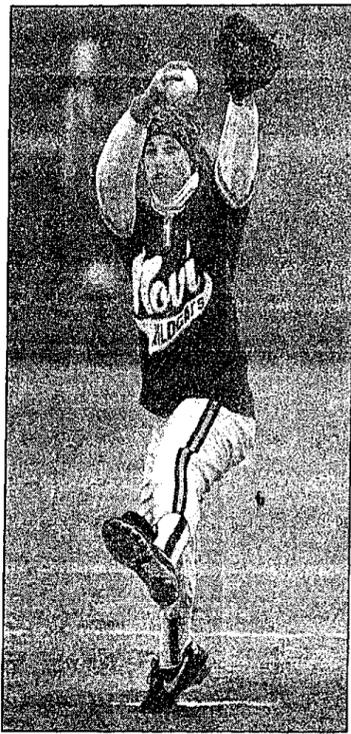
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The Wildcats will be counting on strong performances from players like junior halfback Jill Gibson

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Young players need to step up

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

Playing in one of Michigan's toughest softball conferences, Novi faces some of the states big dogs, including Brighton, Hartland and Lakeland.

In years past the 'Cats haven't fared too well against these giants, but 1998 may be a different story.

"We were a very young team last year, and we're still young this year," coach Carol Diglio said. "But now we've got a year under our belt. We're a much stronger team this year."



Senior Katie Copp (above) is one of just three seniors on this year's softball team

Novi's young lineup consists of just three seniors, six juniors and four sophomores. Fortunately for Diglio, all four sophomores gained experience as freshmen and are ready to start for the Wildcats.

Joelle Frantz and Katie Cameron both earned second-team all-Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) honors in their rookie seasons and are expected to lead the 'Cats in 1998.

"They are my top two pitchers and they are both very versatile," the coach said. "Joelle is very strong and is really throwing hard this year. Katie led the team with a .364 average last year."

Frantz will start for Novi and will pitch the first game of double headers. Cameron will pitch the nightcap and split her time between first base and the outfield.

Also splitting time between first base and the outfield will be four-

year letter winner Katie Copp. "Katie is very strong in the field," Diglio said.

Senior co-captain Melanie Turek will get the nod at second base, although she will also play third base and some outfield. Kim Tuller will share time at second.

Jessica Gilbert has earned the starting shortstop position and fellow sophomore Sarah Bajorek will sure up the left side of the infield of third. Nicole Senko will also see time at first base.

Diglio has a slew of outfielders led by co-captain Kristen Sullivan in left. Speedy Judy Kanni will play center field and Heather Fraser and Danielle Thompson will share time in right and the

other outfield positions. Adrienne Farrell and Bajorek will be the catchers for Frantz and Cameron.

"It's very early and we've struggled to get out on the field," the coach said. "It's tough to get a good look at these girls when we go up against a Brighton we think we can win. Our attitudes are starting to change."

Diglio said Novi's pitching and defense will play a key role in the team's success this season.

"Our defense is looking really solid right now. We're a small team and we have some speed," she said.

Brighton is the preseason favorite, with Hartland and Lakeland right behind. Last year the 'Cats finished fourth in the league.

"Last year we were young and it was hard to bounce back after our slow start," Diglio said. "This year we're not intimidated by those teams anymore. When we go up against a Brighton we think we can win. Our attitudes are starting to change."

Diglio will find out just how much when the Bulldogs come to town tomorrow for a doubleheader. Novi faced South Lyon in the season opener last night (after the Novi News' deadline) Saturday the Wildcats take on Walled Lake Central for a pair of games starting at 1 p.m.

Boys hope new season brings instant success

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

If the Novi boys' track team is to make any noise in the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) this year, it'll have to have some surprise performances from everyone.

But that's not impossible, just ask Milford.

The Redskins came from nowhere to win the KVC title last year. The most inexperienced team in the league, Lakeland and Brighton are the other top teams to beat.

"The whole KVC is just amazing," coach Bob Smith said. "It's awesome, and this is an established deal. Last year we were considered one of the contenders, but we finished fourth. There are always three or four teams vying for that title."

This is a young Novi team that does, however, return five of six all-KVC placers from last year.

"I'd like to think we'll be competitive, but I have to be honest when I say we're one of the youngest Novi teams I've had in more than a decade. We're definitely green this year."

"I'm very excited though. This team is like a breath of fresh air. The kids really seem to be dedicated to the program."

If the Wildcats are to make any waves, junior Kevin Avenius will undoubtedly have to step it up. Avenius finished third in the state in the mile last year and was the league champion in the two-mile run.

"If we can keep him healthy, I'd like to see him go at his school record again," Smith said of Avenius' time of 4:20.58 in the state finals. "There's always a lot of great runners out there, but he always comes out great at the end of the season."

Avenius is not the only Wildcat returning who can score. Chris Perkins poses a double threat in both the long jump and the high jump.

The senior won the KVC championship in the long jump, and finished third in the high jump.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he finishes high in the KVC in both. Chris is definitely a state caliber high jumper," the coach said. Pole vaulting will be another strong suit for the 'Cats. Junior Chris Jettie and senior Mike Alberty will be two KVC favorites in the event.

"I think they are also state caliber pole vaulters," the coach said. "They have the best chances we've seen in a long time."

Coming off a season full of injuries, senior Ty Clark will have one last go at the KVC championship in the 400-meter dash. Last year Clark battled through injuries to finish runnerup in the event at the league championships.

"He's not training very hard yet," his coach said. "If he was healthy, I'd put my money down for him to win the 400 in the KVC. But this kid has a lot of pride so we'll see what happens."

David Thompson has matured, according to his coach, and will be tough to beat in the discus. Harvey Steele is the front runner in the shot-put competition with Nate Piercha being a dark-horse in both events.

Joining Perkins in the long jump will be Justin Sterett and Jettie. Aside from Perkins in the high jump, the coach feels his team is inexperienced and he will wait and see what happens.

Senior co-captain Wes VanLand-schoot will lead the way in the high hurdles. Alberty, Sterett and Tristan LaChance provide depth in the event.

Smith said there will be a whole new crop of sprinters this season. Justin Roume is the number one sprinter, but Yasuaki Goto, Sterett and Chris Schaefer are breathing down his neck.

A familiar cross-country group will join Avenius in the mile and two mile runs. Eric Walle and Chris Toell will make the adjustments to the distance track events.

Along with Clark, Jettie and Perkins will see time in the 400. Clark, John Mione and Dan Christopherson will run the 800.

"Practices and meets are two different things, so we'll see what happens," Smith said. "To be honest, before the season started I was nervous about our prospects. But we're looking better every day. This is a team with a lot of pride and they are hungry."

The team started its season with a matchup with Baseline rival Northville (after the Novi News' deadline).

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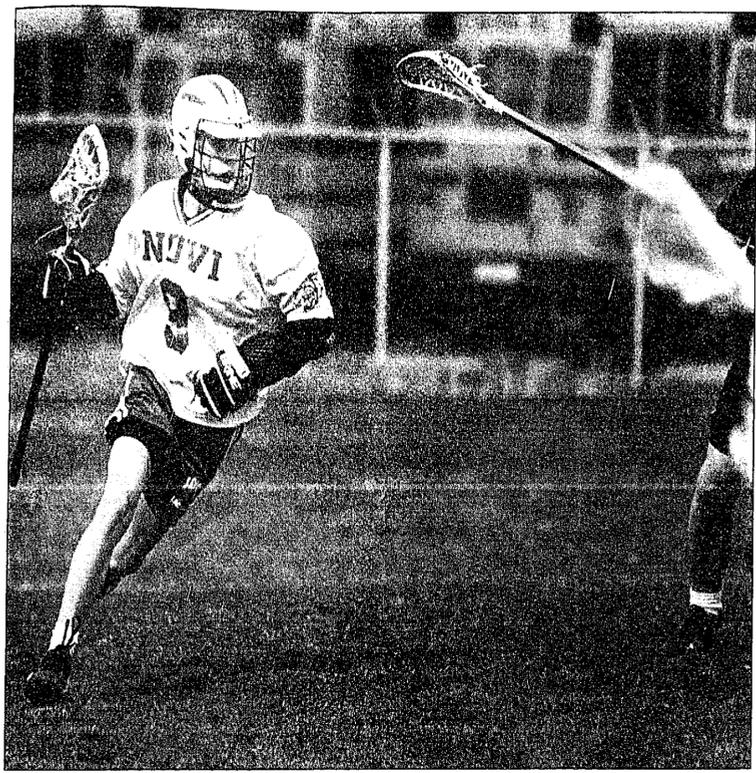
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The Novi lacrosse team finished 2-11 a year ago, but coach Stan Zajdel thinks his team will improve drastically in 1998.

Lacrosse team looking to rebound

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

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Wildcats lose nine, but coach is not worried

By JASON SCHMITT
Sports Editor

This year's Novi boy's tennis team has a big task ahead of it. After losing nine seniors, the Wildcats are building from the ground up.

But fortunately for coach Jim Hanson, he's got a pair of supporters of which any team would like to build its foundation upon.

Senior Rich Kowalczyk and junior Glenn Gabriel will anchor a team that will most likely be stronger in singles than doubles this year. In the past few seasons, Novi has relied heavily on its doubles lineup.

"Our strength had been in our doubles lineup," he said. "But this is a new crop of kids who will have to establish their own identity."

Hanson said doesn't know who will play number one singles yet, because Kowalczyk and Gabriel are so close.

"Rich has been playing well and I think we'll have an opportunity to mix and match a little bit," Hanson said. "They can all play singles and doubles."

Those who do not play singles could very well lead up the doubles corps. That leaves the other incoming juniors to fill in the third and fourth doubles slots.

Tim Angelard, Sean Henderson, Albert Kim, Clayton Perry, Tom Messink and Geoff Wang will essentially be playing third and fourth doubles.

"They are coming off a very solid junior varsity team and hope could also be a threat. The Redskins return a slew of players back from last year's team.

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Lenten breakfast sponsored by ELCA women

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special Writer

The women of the ELCA recently sponsored a Lenten breakfast with Phyllis Heckenroth as the speaker. Her presentation featured her recent trip to Peru, where she and her husband Chad took with the Liras Club. There was a 7 p.m. service that evening on "Wholeness and Reconciliation."

On Saturday and Palm Sunday, April 4 and 5, the theme of the services will be "The Sunday of the Passion." Easter placemats for the residents at Charter House will be made by the Sunday School classes on Palm Sunday.

Additional Easter plans include the institution of the Lord's Supper and Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. on April 9, Maundy Thursday, Feb. Good Friday, April 10, the church family will gather at Holy Family Catholic Church at noon for the Community Ecumenical Service. At 7:30 that evening, the Terrence Service of Darkness will be held.

Saturday, April 11, the church will join other Lutheran churches at Antioch Lutheran Church for the service, "The Easter Vigil."

Holy Communion will be held at 7:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday followed by an Easter breakfast at 8:30. The church youth will help serve and also surprise an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. Holy Communion will also be served at 10:30 a.m., the theme of which will be "The Resurrection Festival." Following the 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion, a farewell program

honoring Pastor Shreger will be held. The pastor has received a call to the pastored the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Royal Oak. His resignation will be effective May 2.

YOUTH SUNDAY is April 26. Babysitting will be provided by the youth for the Spirit of Christ Daily Living Discussion Group which meets from 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday evenings.

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

The library will be closed April 10, Good Friday and Easter Sunday, April 12.

Spring break programs will start April 14, at 1 p.m. for ages 5 and 6, and 2 p.m. for ages 7 and up. There will be a \$1 fee for the craft program which will last approximately 45 minutes. No registration is necessary.

"The Frog Prince" will be presented by the September Players on Wednesday, April 15, at 7 p.m. The play is appropriate for ages 5 and up, and is considered great family entertainment.

On Thursday, April 16, "Dinosaurs: Jurassic Science" will be held at 1 p.m. It will be an exciting hands-on learning experience about the giants from the past and is appropriate for all, from kindergarten up.

The 1998 edition of the annual "Novi Preschool and Child Care Directory" is available at the library and contains descriptions of over 35 child care and preschool facilities within Novi. The booklet

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is prepared annually by the Novi Public Library and Novi Youth Assistance.

Also available at the library is a brochure for parents, "Parenting Books Available at the Novi Public Library." For example, some of the topics covered in the brochure include: parenting adolescents; blended families; and a section for children affected by a deficit disorder.

The most recent displays at the library included one by the Plymouth Scaphony, a train collection by Kyle McAuley, and a Star Wars collection by Kyle Bunter, 9.

Also available at the Information table are pamphlets from Parents Without Partners; PWP has local chapters in Brighton and Livonia.

"Weathering the Storm" is also another helpful brochure containing tips on how to manage a power outage. Also available is a free Michigan map, courtesy of state Rep. Nancy Cassis.

Members of the parks and recreation will start looking at 1 p.m. for the Easter Bunny look-alike. A prize will be given for the child in the cutest Easter Bunny outfit.

Featured between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. will be the Carousel Acres Petting Farms and their petting zoo of lambs, goats and small horses. It is suggested that you take a camera and goggles bag.

A reminder: The Jaycees fund-raiser will be held at Borders on April 17-19. When making a purchase during those days, 15 percent of the purchase price will be donated to the Jaycees. Be sure to pick up one of the forms.

NOVI YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Another successful Bowl-a-Thon was held at the Novi Bowl, with the involvement of the Novi community through donations, pledges and participation. Members of Novi Youth Assistance are most grateful for all the help.

For the captains of the teams: There is a need to have reports ready on this activity and it would be most helpful to have it done as soon as possible. If there are any questions, please call Joan Morris at the office in the Civic Center, 347-0410.

The Camp Committee is busy getting information out on the camp program. NYA offers summer camp scholarships to youngsters in the Novi community. These scholarships are based on financial and/or social need. Parents can obtain a form from the child's teacher or call the office at 347-0410. Forms must be filled out and returned by April 23. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Decisions will be made by the Camp Committee and parents will be informed at a later date as to what camp is available.

The Youth Center will include a drop-in center, special trips, special guests, a possible lock-in, etc. Plans are still in the making and any input from parents would be most welcome. The youngsters will also be involved in the planning of activities.

The PLUS Committee is looking for male and female mentors who will work in a program similar to Big Brothers/Big Sisters. If interested, call the office for more information and training available.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Should you wish to contact her with information for this column, call 624-0173.

Paul and Angela Yandura of Novi announce the engagement of their son, Steven Paul, to Jill Elaine Wolbert, daughter of John and Fran Wolbert of Lake Orion.

The bride-elect was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in international relations from Ohio X University and Glasgow University, Scotland. She is currently employed by Pentacom as a media planner/research analyst for Chrysler Corp.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Troy Athens High School. He received his bachelor of arts degree in advertising from Michigan State University and is currently employed by Chrysler Corp. as a district sales manager for the New Orleans zone.

A June wedding will take place in St. Hugh's Chapel, Bloomfield Hills.

Lisa Lynn Lutz and Kenneth W. Fenchel are proud to announce their engagement.

Lisa Lynn is the daughter of Elizabeth Lutz of Northville and the late William Lutz. She graduated from Northville High School, received her bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and her master's from Eastern Michigan University, where she was a member of Alpha Phi sorority. In addition to being a sixth grade teacher in the Novi school

system, she is currently studying for a specialist degree at EMU. Kenneth, a Novi High School graduate, is the son of Mike and Kathy Fenchel of Novi. He received his bachelor's degree from Alma College and is currently studying for his master's at Madonna University. He was affiliated with Sigma Chi fraternity. The groom-elect is also a sixth grade teacher for the Novi schools.

A July wedding is planned.

For more information, call (248) 853-4136 or (313) 563-1823.

Bahrain subject of AAUW meeting

Dr. Masy Seikaly, an associate professor in the department of Near Eastern and Asian Studies at Wayne State University, has been invited to speak to the American Association of University of Women, at their meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 14 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi.

Dr. Seikaly's timely topic is the role of women in Bahrain, which embraces 33 islands in the Persian Gulf, only three of which are inhabited. The islands lie only 125 miles off the coast of Saudi Arabia. Refreshments will precede the meeting and a short business

meeting will follow the 7:30 p.m. program.

Dr. Seikaly came to Wayne State University in 1995 following a two-year post at the University of California. Before that she was a history professor at the University of Bahrain for 10 years. While at Wayne State, Dr. Seikaly has received three research fellowships.

"Fight for the Mother Self Behind Enemy Lines: Power, Myth and Cultural Consciousness Among Ethnic Third World Women," by Dr. Seikaly will be published this year by Wayne State University Press.



Dr. Masy Seikaly

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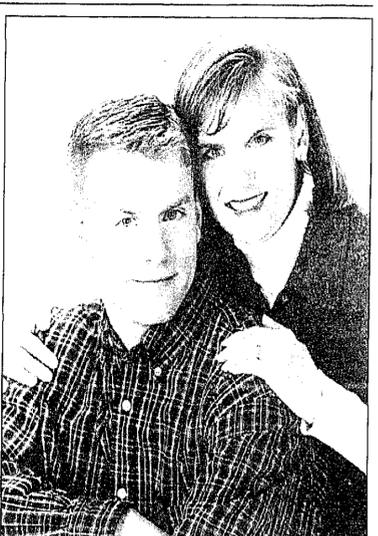


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Engagements



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Pet of the Week



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This week's featured dog is Sneakers, a year-and-a-half-old male Golden Retriever mix with a very docile disposition who still has a lot of puppy in him yet. He will be at Pet Supplies Plus on Saturday, April 4. Crier Convention has a variety of other adult dogs and puppies which it shows every Saturday at 42660 Ten Mile Road in Novi, at Pet Pours Pets & Supplies, 37592 West Twelve Mile near Halstead in Farmington Hills, and at PetSmart, 385 Haggerty Road in Commerce Township, from 11:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. 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 Crier Convention. For more information, call (248) 853-4136 or (313) 563-1823.

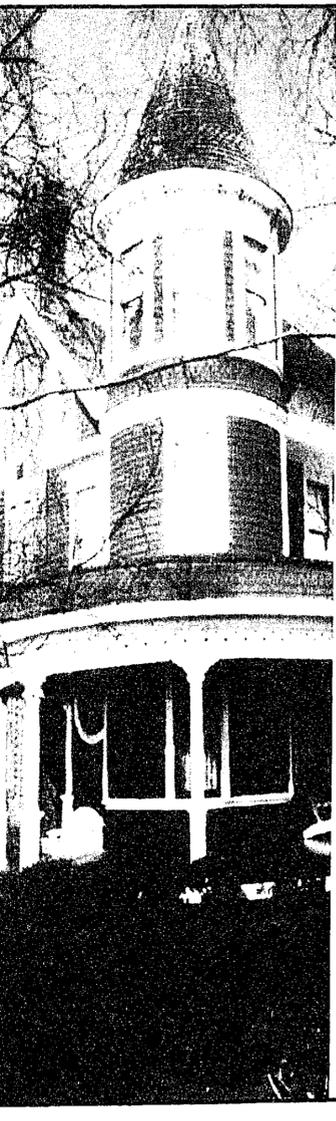
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Easter cantata planned

Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 Ten Mile Road in Novi, will present an Easter cantata, "The Power of His Love" arranged by David T. Clydesdale on Palm Sunday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m.

The dramatic musical features two drama casts. The ensemble cast of five which includes the role of Peter, portrayed by Keith Angelocci; Mary, portrayed by Mary Kay Davis; Marcus the centurion, portrayed by Michael Church; and Camilla, the wife of Pilate, portrayed by Beth Copland; retells the story of Easter several years after the actual event, while the pageant cast, the Sanctuary Choir, at Faith Community, brings the "mystery" scenes to life on a re-enactment. Through the personal perspective of these characters, the audience experiences their thoughts and feelings, and witnesses the power of God's love change each life.

The community is invited to attend. For details call (248) 349-5666.



Cast members in Faith Community Presbyterian Church's 'The Power of His Love' includes (from left) Jim Ernst, Dave Butler, Dennis Fifield, Keith Angelocci, and Mike Church.

Annual show is scheduled

Dance Ensemble West, which includes dancers from Northville, Novi, Canton, and Plymouth, will present "Dance Collection-1998" on Saturday, April 4, at 3 p.m. The concert is an annual presentation of ballet and modern dance works and will include pieces by the senior and junior divisions of the company.

The performance will be held at the Plymouth Canton High School Little Theater, 8415 N. Canton Center Road in Canton. Admission is a \$9 donation.

Dance Ensemble West is a performing arts organization that has been providing dance and art education services in the community for over nine years.

The company includes senior, junior and apprentice divisions with dancers ranging in age from 5 to 18.

The Ensemble is under the direction of Barbara Raschke of



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Clean and Heather Fountain. For more information, call

(Dance Ensemble West at 313) 420-4130.

Entertainment listing

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

ROSES: The Roses-West Rose Society will meet at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi on Thursday, April 2, from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m.

The meeting and social hour is free and open to the public.

The topic will be "The Nurseries" presented by the Michigan Mini Roses of Belleville, Great Lakes Roses of Romulus.

BORDERS BOOKS: Upcoming events include The Farm Lady, Margaret Schmidt on Thursday, April 23; Mrs. Fritzie catches the wave with an interactive performance of sound on Saturday, April 25; Dinotek brings dinosaurs to life with real fossils and a multimedia display on Sunday, April 26; and Stellar "Stellaluna" Story Time and the Organization for Bat Conservation visits with a live version of the bat Stellaluna on Tuesday, April 28.

The Novi store is located at 43075 Crescent Boulevard in Novi. For details, call (248) 347-0780.

THEATER

NOVI THEATRES: "The Velveteen Rabbit" will be performed by "the little people players" on April 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and on April 26 at 3 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West Ten Mile Road in Novi. All seats are reserved. Tickets

are \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and children under age 12. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

MARQUIS THEATRE: To celebrate the upcoming spring season, the Marquis Theatre will present a musical adaptation of "Charlotte's Web" live on stage through April 26.

"Charlotte's Web" is the tale of a little girl named Fern, her pet pig Wilbur, and Charlotte the spider who weaves their lives together with lasting friendship and love.

Performance dates are Saturdays and Sundays, April 4, 5, 18, 19, 25 and 26. During spring break, performances will be held on April 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. All shows are at 2:30 p.m.

No children under the age of three will be permitted.

The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville. Tickets are \$6.50. Special group rates and times are available. For details, call (248) 349-8110.

GENIUS: The interactive comedy dinner theater now through April at Geni's Hole-in-the-Wall is "Trial by Error".

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

All dinner theater presentations include the restaurant's famous seven-course, family-style Italian dinner.

For the kids there's the mini luncheon and show Beanie Baby Capers on April 18 and 25. Geni's is located at 108 E. Main Street in Northville.

For reservations or more information, call (248) 349-0522.

ART

GATE VI GALLERY: Works in pastel, watercolor, oil as well as prints and sketches of local landmarks by members of the Plein Air Society will be on exhibit through mid-April.

Month-long exhibits of local artists are held in the atrium of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile in Novi. Viewing of the exhibit is possible during the hours the Civic Center is open. Local artists interested in exhibiting at the Civic Center should call 347-0400.

NEARBY

POPS DINNER CONCERT: The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra presents its annual Pops Dinner Concert at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia on Friday, April 17, at 6 p.m.

The silent auction begins at 6 p.m. with the live auction being held during the intermission. Raffle tickets are being sold. First prize is \$1,000, second is two airline tickets and third prize is a 13" color television.

Music for the concert will be taken from famous movies.

Adult tickets are \$45 and children's are \$25. Tables for 8 to 10 are available.

Advance reservations are needed. Ticket deadline is April 6. Call (734) 451-2112.

MOON OVER BUFFALO: The Schoolcraft College Theatre Department will present the hysterical farce "Moon over Buffalo" by Ken Ludwig on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4, with theater-only performances at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 per person.

Schoolcraft is located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

Tickets may be ordered from the college's bookstore at (313) 462-4409.

ST. MARY'S: Flutists Ervin Monroe and Alexander Zonic, and pianist Dave Wagner will close out the "Classics on the Lake" season at St. Mary's College at Orchard Lake on Sunday, April 5.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. in the shrine chapel on the campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce roads.

Tickets are \$12 and \$20. For details, call (248) 683-1750.

ARTISTS CLUB: The Farmington Artists Club hosts the Spring Exhibit and Sale of framed and unframed works April 26 through May 3 at the William M. Costello Activities Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, Gate 4, in Farmington Hills west of Middlebelt Road. Show hours are Sunday, April 26, 3-5 p.m.; Monday-Saturday, April 27-May 2, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is free.

For details, call (248) 646-3707.

TOYS: The Plymouth Historical Museum has a special exhibit relating to the history of toys and other childhood memories.

The museum is located at 155 South Main Street in Plymouth. Hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 1-4 p.m. and Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Admission is \$2 for adults and 50 cents for students ages 5 to 17. Children under 5 are admitted free. The family rate is \$5.

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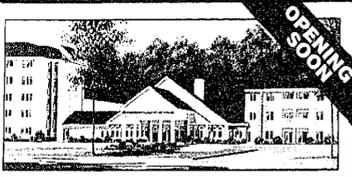
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Movies

Comedy classic 'Odd Couple' returns for more laughs

In characterizations that became comedy history, Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau return to the screen as the supremely mismatched Felix Ungar and Oscar Madison, ill-suited roommates once brought together by the economics of divorce.

Reunited after many years, the older-but-not-the-wiser Felix and Oscar find themselves on the open road with a common destination but still driven to distraction by their opposing personalities.

In an original screenplay by Neil Simon, Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau star in "Neil Simon's Odd Couple II," directed by Howard Deutch and produced for Paramount Pictures by Simon and by Robert W. Cort and David Madden of the Cort/Madden Company.

Once incompatible occupants of the same New York apartment, Felix and Oscar now find themselves reunited to the same California rental car, a situation tolerable only because they're on their way to the same wedding.

But the road from LAX to San Malina is a bumpy one, fraught with countless challenges to an uneasy alliance optimistically forged in spite of Oscar's careless style and Felix's fastidious ways.

"About nine years ago," says Neil Simon, "I started writing a screenplay in which I reunited 'The Odd Couple' by having Felix's daughter and Oscar's son marry."

Like many families today, the young people move away. Because they happen to be actors, Hannah Ungar (Beth Peil) and Bruce Madison (Jonathan Silverman) meet each other in Los Angeles.

Their California wedding brings Felix out from New York and Oscar from San Jose—wherever that is.

To reach the fictional town of San Malina, the filmmakers took their camera's on the road, covering a variety of California terrain in locales such as Guadalupe, Santa Maria, San Luis Obispo, Palmdale, Lancaster, Shafter, Arcadia, Pomona and Hidden Valley.

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Oscar Madison (Walter Matthau) and Felix Ungar (Jack Lemmon) are on the road in "Neil Simon's The Odd Couple II." Matthau and Lemmon are among the funniest comedy duos in Hollywood.

verted Los Angeles freeways, the mishap-prone pair find themselves endlessly and relentlessly lost in the seeming vastness of the California countryside, driving and drifting by hundreds of miles of desert, mountains and rolling hills. They pass thousands of acres of Joshua trees, scrub oak, vineyards, and fields of fields of cotton, broccoli and corn.

Even after accidentally destroying their car, Oscar and Felix forge on: hitching rides from fruit trucks

and perhaps the world's oldest and slowest Rolls Royce.

Former strap hangers on the New York transit system, Felix and Oscar are nothing if not fishes out of water. True to their personality types, the obsessive Felix remains steadfastly focused on the goal while the nonchalant Oscar improvises way from vanity to catastrophe.

"In the story, everything that could go wrong does," explains director Howard Deutch. "And every

obstacle they have to overcome is just another log on the fire. Felix gets to drive Oscar insane, which is his favorite thing in the world to do. And Oscar is laced by the adventure of taking this trip, being in the action. It puts him back where he hasn't been for years, making life miserable for Felix."

One of their misadventures involves a dalliance with two women that Oscar picks up at a restaurant, the lovely Thelma and Holly, described by the trepidacious Felix as "a couple of maddening bickers." Played by Christine Baranski and Jean Smart, these gals are the antithesis of the chirpy, sentimental Pigeon sisters of the original play.

"They are raucous, raunchy,

low brow characters," jocularly claims the elegant Christine Baranski, Jean Smart playfully boasts. "We decided that Thelma and Holly were a bad '90s version of the Pigeon sisters. We're not sure the Buzzard sisters. Just dancing with them gets Felix and Oscar in hot water."

Producer David Madden concedes, "probably everybody out there has a little bit of Felix and/or a little bit of Oscar in them. We're fascinated with the relationship of these two opposites, these two incongruous characters stuck together, locked together, not being able to stand each other, and yet at some fundamental level, genuinely loving each other."

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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 Thursday, April 2, Single Place will meet for dinner at Starting Gate at 6 p.m. At 7:30 p.m., the topic for the evening will be "Addictive Love Relationships," with speaker Arnold Keller, M.A.

On Thursday, 9, the group will meet in the sanctuary for a special Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. followed by a gathering in the library/lounge at 8:30 p.m.

The cost for each is \$4. Following the presentations, the group will meet at Mulligan's of Northville at 9:30 p.m.

Upcoming events include the Bethany Dance from 8 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. at St. Robert Bellermino on April 4; dinner and movie at Diamond Jim Brady's on Saturday, April 11, at 5:30 p.m.; "Cabaret" at the Bonstelle Theatre and Traffic Jam on Saturday, April 25, and "Arsenic and Old Lace" at Plymouth Theatre Guild and Rocky's for dinner on Saturday, May 2.

On Sunday evenings, Single Place meets for coffee and cards at 6 p.m. at Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center Street in Northville.

On Fridays, the group meets at 5:30 p.m. at Tremor's, 17123 N. Laurel Park in Livonia.

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

A workshop on "Seeking Relationship: a Three-Fold Path to Understanding" will be held on three Sunday evenings, April 19 and 26, and May 3, beginning at 7 p.m. The speaker is Roz Lessing, M.A., L.L.P. The cost is \$24 in advance and \$27 at the door.

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

SINGLE POINT MINISTRIES of Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile Road west of Haggerty in Northville Township, invites you to join over 450 single adults every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. for fellowship and encouragement.

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

SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. All programs meet at the new location, even though the room names may be the same as before the move.

Single Parents meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in room C317/C319. The group offers support, fun, fellowship, vacations and other activities. Free child care is available.

First Friday Night Live presents "Acts of Renewal" on April 3 at 8 p.m. in Knox Hall. A free will offering will be accepted and free child care will be available.

The Uniquely Single Group for those who have never been married meets the fourth Tuesday 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.

Indoor volleyball meets Wednesdays at 8:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. A \$1 donation is suggested.

A Growth Seminar on "Conflict Resolution" will be held on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Knox Hall. The cost is \$20. Child care will not be available.

Talk Talk Talk it Over will be held at 7:30 p.m. in room C317/C319. On April 24 Single Point's own Dick Bont will speak about "Where Do We Go from Here?" Topics covered will be "Who am I? What is your Social Style?"

On April 24, the topic on "Where Do We Go from Here?" continues with "Gender Differences - Helping Each Other to be Our Best."

BYOS will be held on Saturday, April 11, at the Livonia YMCA at 8:30 p.m. Country line dancing has been added. The cost for this family affair is \$6 and \$2 for children 14 years and younger.

SPM Biking events for April include April 18 and 25 at 11 a.m. at Haggerty Field on Edward Hines Drive for a ride to Plymouth.

Stepping Stones for Children Going through the Loss of Parent through Divorce or Death on Thursday evenings April 23 through May 28 at 7 p.m. There will be free parenting sessions and free child care for younger children during the workshops. The cost is \$10 per child and scholarships are available. Registration closes April 3.

Get ready for the 14th annual Eagle Run Classic at Maybury State Park in Northville on Saturday, May 9. Events include 5K and 10K races, a one-mile fun run/walk, live entertainment and picnic lunch. Net proceeds will benefit the Detroit Rescue Mission. Registration forms and volunteer sign-up sheets will be available after the Sunday morning gathering and at other SPM events or can be obtained by calling SPM. For details, call (734) 422-1854.

On Campus

Novi students named to the Honor's List for fall semester at Michigan State University are: **SARAH ELIZABETH ALLEN**, English; **PAMELA JOY BEAL**, accounting; **JORDAN CHRISTOPHER BRUN**, art education; **THOMAS PAUL CHAMPINE**, humanities-prelaw; **CHRIS JAMES CHIRGWIN**, no preference; **LORI A. DEWITT**, humanities-prelaw; **HEATHER ANN DINSER**, child development; **KATHLEEN J. DOHERTY**, home economics; **ANDREW WILLIAM DOYLE**, supply chain management; **DANIEL JOHN FITZPATRICK**, accounting; **MICHAEL J. GOLDMAN**, political science; **JULIE A. HARRIS**, zoology; **MELANIE RUTH HELMER**, child development; **MARJORIE SUE HOUSEHOLDER**, animal science; **NILESH N. HUMBAD**, computer science; **DEBORAH ANN JONES**, engineering arts; **KRISTIN MARIE KENNY**, audiology and speech sciences; **RUDOLPH C. KOBOLDT**, crop and soil sciences; **DAVID M. KOVACS**, LBS-environmental science and management; **BRIAN T. LEROY**, LBS-no coordinate major; **JASON MICHAEL McALEER**, accounting; **MALINI D. MOFFAT**, physiology; **CHRISTOPHER E. NELSON**, psychology; **ALISON PAIGE OMURA**, biosystems engineering; **ANTHONY WILLIAM PANTUSO**, mechanical engineering; **EMILY JEAN PARKER**, LBS biological science; **SAM-REET SANDHU**, LBS-zoology; **MARTIN C. SHEA**, advertising; **JAIME KATHRYN SUPER-FISKY**, dietetics; **CHRISTINA WOJCIECH TARDELLA**, engineering arts; **ANGELA KAY UNITIS**, LBS-biological science; **ERIN RENEE VANDEVEER**, music therapy; **EUGENE P. WANG**, LBS-physiology; **MICHELLE CHRISTINE WILLIAMS**, accounting; **BRIAN ALLEN WILSON**, political science; and **SARA ELIZABETH WOOD**, communication.

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor students from Novi were recognized at the Honors Convocation. Honors received were: Class Honors, an undergraduate academic record equal to at least half A's and half B's for two terms (one term for new students) during 1996; James B. Angell Scholars, an all-A record for two or more consecutive terms as undergraduates; William J. Branstrom Prize, a book of choice. **LAURA KATHLEEN BUCREK**, residential college, Class Honor; **LAURA NICOLE CARTER**, engineering, Class Honor and Branstrom Prize; **EMMA STAR CARTWRIGHT**, literature, science and arts, Class Honor; **STEVEN CHANG**, engineering, Class Honor and Branstrom Prize; **ALEXANDER C. CHEUNG**, music, Class Honor; **AMANDA KELLY CHORBA**, literature, science and arts, Class Honor; **TIFFANY M. DEVOS**, literature, science and arts, Angell Scholar and Class Honor; **CHRISTOPHER ROBERT DUPREY**, literature, science and arts, Class Honor and Branstrom Prize; **KRISTIE LORENE FARRELL**, residential college, Class Honor; **JENNIFER ELISABETH GUERRA**, literature, science and arts, Class Honor; **SONYA GUPTA**, literature, science and arts, Class Honor; **ALIA HAMADE**, engineering, Class Honor; **CATHLEEN S. HOLTSCHNEIDER**, literature, science and arts, Class Honor; **WILLIAM CURTIS HOOPS**, literature, science and arts, Class Honor; **JENNIFER P. HUANG**, literature, science and arts, Class Honor and Branstrom Prize; **DAVID WILLIAM HULLMAN**, engineering, Class Honor; **SHAIKESH NIRAN-JAN HUMBAD**, literature, science and arts, Class Honor; **ROBERTO FRANCO LADEROSA**, literature, science and arts, Class Honor and Branstrom Prize; **CHARLES SCOTT INNES**, engineering, Angell Scholar and Class Honor.

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